

## MEDIA INFORMATION

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# INFINITI GIVES CHINESE STUDENT THE FORMULA ONE™ CAREER OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

- **Li Xeuzi (Sally) is the winner of the INFINITI Engineering Academy China**
- **She secures one of just seven, year-long placements with INFINITI Motor Company and the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team**
- **23-year-old Sally will begin her 12-month F1 placement in the UK this November**

Beijing, CHINA – A university student from the China has been awarded the career opportunity of a lifetime in Formula One™, as INFINITI announces Li Xeuzi (Sally) as the 2016 Chinese winner of the INFINITI Engineering Academy 2016.

Having been selected from thousands of entries worldwide and beating nine other finalists from around the country in an intense shootout event at INFINITI's Furui dealership, 23-year-old Sally from Chengdu becomes the second Chinese winner of the Academy. Zitong Zhang won the academy in 2015 and is currently finishing his placement with the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team.

Sally will spend six months working at the Formula One™ team's headquarters in Enstone and six months working at INFINITI's European Technical Center in Cranfield, both in the United Kingdom. With F1 Technology more relevant to the automotive industry than ever, she will play a key role in the ongoing transfer of technical knowledge and expertise between the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team and INFINITI.

The INFINITI Engineering Academy, now in its third year, is a one-of-a-kind global search for the world's best up-and-coming engineers. For 2016 seven placements have been made available with one winner chosen each from USA, Canada, Mexico, Europe incl. Russia, United Arab Emirates, China and Asia-Pacific to work with the team.

This unique automotive-to-motorsport training program for brilliant young engineers, possible thanks to INFINITI's Technical Partnership with the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team, has attracted 4,108

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registrations from 44 different countries. A number of previous winners have gone on to secure full time careers in the automotive and motorsport industries.

After a series of interviews, ten Chinese finalists were selected to attend a grueling assessment day in Beijing. They were put through their paces individually and as groups, by a panel of judges from INFINITI and Renault Sport Formula One™ Team.

Commenting on the win, Sally added: "It's a truly great feeling to have won the Academy, and against such strong competition from the other students. I can't wait to get working on the various engineering challenges from INFINITI and the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team. I really want to make the most of this incredible career opportunity. I'm also looking forward to relaxing with some great British television from time to time".

Tommaso Volpe, Global Director, INFINITI Motorsport, commented: "The extraordinary level of interest in this year's INFINITI Engineering Academy has been absolutely fantastic. Students have seen the accomplishments of our Academy's graduates, who have gone on to forge successful careers in the automotive industry. This has meant that more students than ever want to use the Academy to gain vital engineering experience and launch their own careers.

"With F1 becoming more and more relevant to the automotive industry and an increased focus of the placements this year being on the road car development, we are training a new generation of engineers who will play a key role in the crossover between the two industries", concluded Volpe.

**Name:** Li Xuezi (Sally)

**Age:** 23

**University:** Beijing Institute of Technology

**From:** Chengdu

**Most looking forward to about living/working in the UK:** Experiencing the race car culture and enjoying BBC TV at the same time.

**Greatest strength:** Quick learner

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