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

- **Jaden Partridge is the Asia-Oceania winner of the INFINITI Engineering Academy 2016**
- **He secures one of just seven, year-long placements with INFINITI Motor Company and the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team**
- **21-year-old Jaden will begin his 12-month F1 placement in the UK this November**

Hong Kong – A university student from Australia has been awarded the career opportunity of a lifetime in Formula One™, as INFINITI announces Jaden Partridge as the Asia-Oceania winner of the INFINITI Engineering Academy 2016.

Having been selected from thousands of entries and beating nine other finalists from around the region in an intense shootout event at INFINITI's global headquarters in Hong Kong, 21-year-old Jaden from, becomes the INFINITI Engineering Academy 2016 Asia-Oceania winner and the first ever Australian winner.

Jaden 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. With F1 Technology more relevant to the automotive industry than ever, he 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 finalists were selected to attend a grueling two-day assessment. They were put through their paces individually and as groups, by a panel of judges from INFINITI and Renault Sport Racing, including: Tommaso Volpe (Director, INFINITI Global Motorsport), Andy Todd (Body & Exterior Design Team, INFINITI) and Chris Dyer (Head of Vehicle Performance, Renault Sport F1).

Commenting on his win, winner name said: "Winning the INFINITI Engineering Academy is completely mind-blowing. Competing here against nine other very capable candidates and then being the one selected is incredible and genuinely a massive surprise for me."

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.

INFINITI Engineering Academy Asia-Oceania Winner 2016 profile:

Name: Jaden Partridge

Age: 21

University: Queensland University of Technology

From: Nundah, Brisbane, Australia

Biggest positive impact in life: My parents, although they don't have engineering backgrounds, they have supported to pursue my dream of working in the Automotive and Motorsport industry

Most looking forward to about living/working in the UK: Visiting a Formula One factory for the first time and getting to work with the incredible technology in the industry.

Greatest Strength: Persistence to follow a passion. I have entered the motorsport industry with no prior associations and have become a respected member of a team by demonstrating my commitment through volunteer positions.



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About INFINITI:

INFINITI Motor Company Ltd. is headquartered in Hong Kong with sales operations in over 50 countries. The INFINITI brand was launched in 1989. Its range of premium automobiles is currently built in manufacturing facilities in Japan, the United States, United Kingdom and China. INFINITI plans to also expand manufacturing into Mexico by 2017.

INFINITI design studios are located in Atsugi-Shi, near Yokohama, London, San Diego and Beijing. INFINITI is in the middle of a major product offensive. The brand has been widely acclaimed for its iconic design and innovative driver-assistance technologies.

More information about INFINITI and its industry leading technologies can be found at www.INFINITI.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and see all our latest videos on YouTube.

About the INFINITI Engineering Academy:

The INFINITI Engineering Academy is INFINITI's global search for the best and brightest engineering talent to work at INFINITI Motor Company and the Renault Sport Formula One™ Team.

In an era where automotive and Formula One™ technologies are growing ever closer, the Academy offers a unique opportunity to train young talents across the two industries. This is the third year for the academy and, with the involvement of our Renault-Nissan Alliance Partner, promises to be more exciting than ever.

The Academy offers seven students a unique opportunity to secure a once in a lifetime work placement. Selected students will go through an integrated training and mentoring program with world leading engineers. The placement includes return travel to the UK, shared accommodation, a shared INFINITI premium executive vehicle, full salary and all necessary employment processing and permits.

Regional Final selection events are taking place in the following locations:

Date	Region	Location
14 July	USA	Nashville
28 July	Canada	Montreal
11 August	Mexico	Mexico City
22 August	Europe	Enstone, Oxford, UK
08 September	China	Beijing
27 September	UAE	Dubai
12 October	Asia-Pacific	Hong Kong

More information about the INFINITI Engineering Academy can be found at academy.infinit.com



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