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PORTO'S MAYOR RECEIVE DRIVERS

The Mayor of Porto, Mr Rui Rio, received a delegation of FIA WTCC drivers this afternoon at Palácio do Freixo, seat of the City Hall.

Four racing cars – James Thompson's Alfa Romeo 156, Augusto Farfus' BMW 320si, Nicola Larini's Chevrolet Lacetti and Tiago Monteiro's SEAT León – were exhibited in front of the palace.

After the official reception the Mayor and the drivers came out of the City Hall, posed for a group picture and granted interviews to TV crews and media.

MONTEIRO LOOKS FORWARD TO HOME RACE

On his first season in the FIA WTCC, Tiago Monteiro has already proved to be very competitive. SEAT Sport's Portuguese driver managed to achieve two podium results in Pau and now is very much looking forward to race on the streets of his home town.

"All races in the WTCC are important, but racing in my home city will give me extra motivation as so many of my family and friends will be there to watch. I have never raced there before, and even though I have driven the roads many times in normal every day motoring, you cannot drive the circuit like you would in a race car because for half of the lap you would be on the wrong side of the road!"

FIA WTCC LIVE ON PORTUGUESE TV

RTP, Portugal's premiere terrestrial TV channel will grant a huge coverage to this weekend's FIA WTCC Race of Portugal in Porto.

RTP will broadcast live the qualifying session on Saturday and both races on Sunday.

PRIaulx SUPPORTS HIS LOCAL POLICE

Andy Priaulx will be forming a team for the Karting Guernsey Festival of Motorsport on the 15th July with a dual purpose. He will be supporting the event in its money raising efforts for the NSPCC, as well as joining the Guernsey police to launch a road safety campaign for the island.

The message Andy is promoting with the police is a very serious one that the track should be used for racing and not the island's streets. *"In Guernsey we have a lot of young people known to the locals as 'Kevs', who put their own lives and that of everyone else in danger by racing on our roads, which are narrow and twisty. I want to try to get these people to come and drive a kart and then take back the message of being responsible citizens when behind the wheel of their road cars,"* he said.

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MENU WELCOMED CHEVROLET RAIDERS

Last Saturday, in Paris' place Vendôme, Chevrolet driver Alain Menu welcomed the eleven Chevrolet teams who participated in the Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. All the eleven Chevrolet cars that left Beijing on May 27, arrived in Paris; they claimed 1st, 2nd and 4th places, making Chevrolet the winning brand of the raid.

THE WEEKEND'S TRACK ACTIVITIES IN PORTO

As Porto is a new venue for the FIA WTCC competitors, an extra 30-minute test session has been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

Afterwards track activities will follow the usual pattern: two 30-minute practice sessions and the extended 45-minute qualifying on Saturday as for the other street circuits (Pau and Macau). On Sunday drivers will take part in one 15-minute warm up session and two 11-lap races. The first race has been anticipated to 10.05 in order to permit live broadcast on the Portuguese premiere terrestrial channel RTP.

Friday, July 6 th	15.30/16.00	Test
Saturday, June 7 th	08.45/09.15	Free Practice 1
	11.30/12.00	Free Practice 2
	15.00/15.45	Qualifying
Sunday, June 3 rd	08.00/08.15	Warm up
	10.05	Race 1
	16.35	Race 2

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING

Rounds 13 and 14 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Anderstorp, Sweden, 28th / 29th July

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 17th July.

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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COUNTDOWN: - 3 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Portugal – 7th / 8th July, in Porto

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