



News Release For Immediate Release

Editor's note: Governor Daniels today visited Toyota Motorsport in Cologne, Germany on the second full day of his European Trade Mission. Photos from the visit will be added this afternoon to the governor's Web site here:

http://www.ai.org/gov/press/media/european_trade_2007.html. Audio from radio interviews the governor conducted via phone this morning from Germany also is available on the Web site.

Toyota Motorsport issued this news release earlier today:

Indiana comes to Toyota Motorsport

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With just over a month to go before the United States Grand Prix at Indianapolis, Panasonic Toyota Racing got a taste of Indiana today at its headquarters in Cologne, Germany.

Mitch Daniels, the Governor of Indiana, arrived at the team's base this morning to be officially greeted by Chairman and Team Principal Tsutomu Tomita, Vice Chairman Tadashi Yamashina and President John Howett.

The Governor brought with him a 33-strong party, including senior representatives of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Indiana Senate and House of Representatives, the Indiana State Police and Indiana community leaders.

They were given a tour of the Formula 1 factory, seeing where the TF107s are designed and built in Cologne, a sister city of Indianapolis.

Following a short presentation from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation on their activities in and around Cologne, Governor Daniels was presented with a special gift to remember his visit – a genuine Formula 1 steering wheel.

Governor Daniels is visiting the city of Cologne to attract new business to Indiana, as well as visiting local companies already active in the state. As well as the upcoming United States Grand Prix, Toyota has links to the state through its manufacturing facilities in Princeton and Lafayette.

Panasonic Toyota Racing Chairman and Team Principal Tsutomu Tomita: "It has been a pleasure to welcome Governor Daniels and his party to our factory here in Cologne. There are strong ties between our home city of Cologne and Indianapolis and we are pleased to strengthen that bond by hosting Governor Daniels. We are looking forward to our own trip to Indiana next month for the United States Grand Prix, where we hope Governor Daniels will see Panasonic Toyota Racing celebrate a strong result.

Governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels said: "Toyota and Indiana have such a superb working relationship, and we are so pleased the company has selected our state for such important investments. This is such an impressive facility, and we look forward to seeing the racing team in action in Indianapolis."

