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# PORSCHE SNOWFORCE 2014

## YAKESHI, INNER MONGOLIA

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## THE ULTIMATE DRIVING EXPERIENCE

When driving on a circuit isn't enough, Porsche China brings to you the drive of a lifetime, challenging your senses to the harsh Northern China conditions, that will leave you sweating for more...

Ploughing through the fresh powder of the Inner Mongolian roads of Yakeshi, the prosperous red words of Porsche peeks from behind the snow laden trees. With a visual feast set before my eyes, the winding courses of the Porsche Snow Force lays bare for all to see. Set against the beautiful bare mountainside, on a frozen lake, there was no doubt what I was in for, in fact, that was an understatement.

Greeted outside the hospitality tent by our drive instructors, we were lead in to the luxe lounge area for our briefing on the physics of what drifting on ice and snow is all about.

Bringing us through the motions was Arn Stollmann, head instructor. With his team including drivers from the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia, we set out in 5 different groups to get in to the left hand drives of the Panamera, 911, Cayman, Boxter and Cayenne.

Over the next two days, I managed to wrap my head around the driving techniques of the Scandinavian Flick and Turn in Trail breaking, testing the styles with the front, mid and rear engines. Leaving an overall impression had to be the rear engine, rear wheel drive of the 911 C2S. Fantastic handling once you get the feel of the car.



### Winter Preparation

Testing on the 5 different circuits, the frozen lake is prepared by a Swedish team of guys, experienced for the winter conditions. At a depth of 70-80cm, the lake is able to hold the cars at only 40cm.

## PORSCHE LIFESTYLE



### Hospitality Suites

With the same catering provided as the PCCA, the food presented is always exceptional. With a variety of culinary delights ranging from Asian to Western, it's hard not to pile your plate high and dip your spoon into every dessert. Watch out! Heat controlled rooms, leave you with food coma.

A special opportunity for participants was go karting. It gave me confidence once I was back on circuit to put my foot down on the throttle. Dressed like a giant red capsicum, the brutal winds burning my face was forgotten, once I began drifting around each turn.

Bringing out the competitive side we took part in 1-on-1 slalom races and time attacks. At least for myself, I made a point to practice the different styles of entering a drift around a corner and not just to clock a fast time. Making full use of the training, you wouldn't exactly want to pay, to go fast in a straight line. Technically, if you drifted round the corners, you would go faster.

Going the extra mile, you have to give it up to all the instructors, braving the intense weather. For a month, they are on site early setting up and always the last to leave. During the

course of the day, they stand facing the glaring sun, making mental notes for each driver and providing feedback after each turn.

My first time drifting on the Outer and Inner circles, I found it hard to maintain the drift. PCCA driver Ho Pin Tung jumped into the driver seat, and hearing and feeling how hard he was on the throttle, made me realise I was not feeding enough power to get up to speed and maintain the drift using third gear.

At the end of the first night, we were invited for dinner in a Mongolian tent and local entertainment. The next night, awards were giving out for outstanding achievements, which created much excitement.

Driving some of the best cars in the world, with professional instructors on the best snow track in Asia, has taught me, I love going sideways!

