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Allgäu-Orient Rallye (AOR)

Stopover in Istanbul: "Hello World" Team in third place / Upcoming destinations: Mersin, Haifa and Bethlehem

The "Hello World" team with Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket employee Iris Scherer can look back on positive results so far at the Allgäu-Orient Rallye (AOR). After driving 2,545.5 kilometers, the team arrived in Istanbul in third place, from a total of 111 teams that started on 10 May 2015 in Oberstaufen, Germany. Today's destination is Dalyan in southwest Turkey. Further stopovers: Mersin/Turkey, Haifa/Israel and Bethlehem. The participants are scheduled to cross the rally finish line in the capital city of Jordan, Amman, on 30 May 2015.

"We're more than happy with how our vehicles performed during the ten rally days up until now," said Iris Scherer, employee at Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket and member of the "Hello World" team. "While some other teams had to deal with ruptured radiators and transmission problems, our vehicles have held out against all kinds of conditions so far. The Seat Inca and the VW Passat Variant had no problems even on challenging off-road stages of the rally. Third place confirms that our vehicles and team are optimally coordinated with each other."

The two vehicles had mileage of around 230,000 and 425,000 kilometers at the start of the rally. Prior to the Allgäu-Orient Rallye, both the 1998 Seat Inca and the 1996 VW Passat Variant were prepared for their unusual assignment by specialists from Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket. Here, only original spare parts from Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket were used.

After reaching today's destination in Dalyan, in southwestern Turkey, an 800-kilometers stage of the rally is scheduled, taking participants to the Turkish Mediterranean coastal city of Mersin. From here the vehicles will be shipped to Haifa, Israel. Rally participants will then drive to Bethlehem and other destinations on their way to the Allgäu-Orient Rallye finish line in Amman, Jordan.

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Stopover in Istanbul: the "Hello World" team with Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket employee Iris Scherer was in third place after driving 2,545.5 kilometers.

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Pure adventure: the "Hello World" team, here the 1998 Seat Inca, on its way through Turkey.

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"Hello World" team vehicles have mastered even difficult stages of the rally without a problem so far – they were outfitted prior to the rally with original spare parts from Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket.



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