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Formula Zero Gives Impressive Demo of Hydrogen Racing Karts in Center of Amsterdam

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Amsterdam--During the car-free Sunday in Amsterdam, Formula Zero gave a race demonstration on one of the most famous streets of the capital. Two of the student teams that participate in the Formula Zero Championship showed the enthusiastic public that electric racing on hydrogen is possible....and fast!

The City of Amsterdam organised the 'Clean Transportation Boulevard' with the ambition of

making the citizens of Amsterdam take a more a critical look at their own transportation use. The public were able to collect a lot of information about the different clean transportation options. Formula Zero set up a spectacular race circuit on the famous market street and let two of the top university teams, Greenchoice-Forze from the Netherlands and Solvay Umicore Zero Emission Racing Team from Belgium show off their hydrogen racing karts.

The brand new race class, in which the electric karts do not emit any CO₂, kicked off at the end of August 2008 in Rotterdam. Six university teams from five different countries designed and built their own zero emission racing kart and competed in the centre of Rotterdam. The students, often from 6 or 7 faculties, learn how to work with hydrogen fuel cell technology. A technology with a promising future in mobility.

Even though the demonstration did not count towards the Championship, the performance of the teams was measured! The Belgian team clocked a time of 11.49 seconds, a fraction faster than the Dutch. The teams did not only entertain the public with pure speed but also with diverse drifts and turning doughnuts.

'It was a successful day' concluded Godert van Hardenbroek, managing Director of Formula Zero. 'It was incredibly busy and i am very pleased that so many Amsterdammers came out to have a look at the possibilities for clean mobility. It was exciting to see the zero emission Formula Zero karts cruising the market street without the noise and smell in the city centre. And it was of course great to see the students working on their own future. Furthermore, I am impressed with the City of Amsterdam's dedication towards our society's future'



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