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**FHI Announces Results for December 2008 and CY 2008 (flash report)**
**Production**

		December 2008		Calendar Year 2008	
		units	08 vs. 07	units	08 vs. 07
Domestic production*1	Passenger cars	29,112	115.1%	399,136	117.5%
	Mini cars	8,834	84.3%	125,780	92.4%
	Total	37,946	106.1%	524,916	110.3%
Overseas Production*2	Passenger cars	4,783	63.4%	91,581	83.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>42,729</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>616,497</b>	<b>105.4%</b>

\*1.JAMA(Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association Inc.) report basis(CBU)

\*2.Local line-off basis

&lt; December &gt;

- The domestic production for December increased first in two months year-on-year, due to the strong sales of Forester. The total global production decreased for the second consecutive month year-on-year, due to decreased overseas production.

&lt; CY 2008 &gt;

- The global production for the period January through December increased year-on-year for the first time in two years, due to the strong sales of Forester which was launched at the end of 2007, and additional sales of Exiga launched in the middle of 2008.

**Sales in Japan**

		December 2008		Calendar Year 2008	
		units	08 vs. 07	units	08 vs. 07
Passenger cars*1		6,022	85.8%	85,050	100.3%
Mini cars*2		7,238	70.9%	121,693	86.3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,260</b>	<b>77.0%</b>	<b>206,743</b>	<b>91.6%</b>

\*1.Excludes commercial vehicles \*2.Includes mini trucks

&lt; December &gt;

- Total domestic sales for December decreased for the 11th consecutive month year-on-year.

&lt; CY 2008 &gt;

- Passenger cars increased for the first time in five years due to the strong sales of Forester which was launched at the end of 2007, and additional sales of Exiga and DEX launched in June and October respectively this year.

**Exports\*1**

		December 2008		Calendar Year 2008	
		units	08 vs. 07	units	08 vs. 07
<b>Total CBU units</b>		<b>29,176</b>	<b>144.2%</b>	<b>326,492</b>	<b>130.3%</b>

\*1.JAMA report basis

&lt; December &gt;

- Total exports from Japan in December increased for the fourth consecutive month year-on-year, due mainly to the strong sales of Forester in global markets and Impreza in North America.

&lt; CY 2008 &gt;

- Total CY 2008 exports experienced 8th consecutive year of increase and marked a record high in history, due to increased exports of Forester to global markets and Legacy Diesel model to Europe.

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