



# SILK WAY 2018 RALLY 丝绸之路拉力赛



Liu Kun and Andrey Karginov won the Chinese part of Silk Way Rally 2018

The second half of the eighth edition of the international Silk Way Rally was completed on Friday, 28 September, the race has been won by Liu Kun (China) in the car category and Andrey Karginov (Russia) in the truck class.

The last day came with the toughest competition, as every second mattered for the crews, following each other closely in the classification. 146 km were covered by 48 crews out of the original 51.

Rally organizers gave the competitors all conditions to perform the full capacity of their vehicles, just few seconds after the start, cars were already rushing over the 50-meter high dune among the beautiful desert and snowy peaks of Helan mountains.

5 days after the starting ceremony in Xian, the winner of the Chinese Silk Way Rally round Liu Kun (SMG HANWEI MOTORSPORT) completed 700 km of four special stages in 11h 47min 17sec. The second place was taken by Ao Rigele from The Knight Super Player NISSAN 11h 51 min 16 sec and Liu Yanguifrom. Ningxia Nanfang Shangcheng Team (SMG HANWEI MOTORSPORT) came third in 11h 55min 54 sec.

The top positions in truck overall ranking were taken by KAMAZ-master Team. By his victory on the Chinese stage, Andrey Karginov followed his July's victory in Russia, with total time of 12h 33min 02sec.

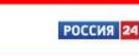
Eduard Nikolaev took the second place (15h 03min 59sec) and the third place was taken over by Zi Rong (15h 55min 21 sec).

Liu Kun, pilot:

« The fourth stage was very intense and interesting, we were fighting up to the very last seconds. We are very proud that we have managed to win this stage of Silk Way Rally, as very strong teams and pilots participate in this prestigious competition. The first two days of the race were not so successful, but we managed to take over on the third day and to end up as champions. Thanks to organisers for this great race!»

Andrey Karginov, KAMAZ-master Team:

« I strived to win the Chinese stage of Silk Way Rally, and I am extremely happy that our crew became the best on this rally. I didn't know the championship before this year and





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now my summer victory on the Russian stage is followed by the success in China. I enjoyed the race, we got an opportunity to test our truck on such an interesting route. The skills of mechanics, navigators and pilots improved greatly. Our truck performed brilliantly and now we are going to review the results at home. »

Silk Way Rally Director Vladimir Chagin reviewed the race in his ceremonial speech:  
« On behalf of Rally directorate and on my own behalf I would like to thank the Chinese organization, especially the administration of Xi'an, Alashan Zuoqi and the representatives of Chinese Automobile and Motorsport Federation, who managed to conduct the competition and hold such an amazing and remarkable finish ceremony on the highest level in the shortest time. I would also like to express my gratitude to our partners – Gazprom, Gazprom neft and Toyota, which provided cars to our specialists that created racing route and to the journalists that covered the competition.  
This Silk Way Rally will be long remembered by its uncompromising struggle, amazing and exciting route across fantastic dunes and traditional hospitality of local people.  
Now we are already working on the 2019 event and will be ready soon to make official announcement »

