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FOR THE MONTH OF November 2002

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HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(Name of registrant)

HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive officers)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HONDA GIKEN KOGYO
KABUSHIKI KAISHA
(HONDA MOTOR CO., LTD)

/s/ SATOSHI AOKI
Satoshi Aoki
Senior Managing and
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Date: December 13, 2002

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ref. #02069

**Honda Accord / Accord Wagon Wins
Japan Car of the Year Award 2002-2003**

November 13, 2002 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has announced that the new Accord / Accord Wagon has won the Japan Car of the Year Award for 2002-2003, conferred by the Japan Car of the Year Executive Committee.

This is the third time the Accord has won this award, which went to the 3rd-generation model in 1985, and to the 5th-generation model in 1993.

The new 7th-generation model inherits the principle of harmony among individuals, cars, and society embodied in every generation of Accord since the first. Combining a roomy interior with a luxurious feel, high performance and driving comfort, excellent safety and environmental performance, it also comes with HIDS (Honda Intelligent Driver Support System) for lane maintenance and vehicle distance/speed control on freeways and a voice-recognition navigation system, among other high-tech features. Acclaimed as a new global benchmark for midsize sedans and wagons, the latest Accord has recorded more than 6,000 orders so far.

We are extremely honored that the new Accord has been singled out for the Japan Car of the Year Award 2002-2003. We are especially gratified that the new Accord is the first to win under the new rules, chosen from a field including both domestic and import cars, said Honda's President and CEO, Hiroyuki Yoshino. We see this award as the crowning achievement for everyone involved who have lent us their steady support as we developed the concept and the new technologies, then incorporated them in the new Accord. We will continue to forge ahead and endeavor to meet the high expectations of our customers by developing cars that are one step ahead of their time.

This is the third year in a row that Honda has won the Japan Car of the Year Award, having won it for the Civic, Civic Ferio, and Stream in 2000 and the Fit in 2001.

Accord and Accord Wagon

Publicity information and photographs of the Accord and Accord Wagon are available from the following URL:

<http://www.honda.co.jp/PR/>

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ref. #02071

**Honda FCX Fuel Cell Vehicle Earns Japanese Ministry of Land,
Infrastructure and Transport Approval
Lease Marketing to Commence December 2nd in Japan and the U.S.**

November 22, 2002 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. announced today that its FCX fuel cell vehicle has been granted Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport approval, and that limited marketing will commence in Japan on December 2nd.

Honda initially plans a limited market release of around thirty vehicles over the first two to three years in Japan and the U.S. combined. One of the newly certified vehicles will be leased to the Cabinet Office. Next year, Honda plans to lease the vehicle to government offices and public corporations in Japan.

The FCX utilizes Honda's own independently developed high-efficiency, high-output ultra-capacitor energy storage system to achieve powerful, responsive driving performance. Layout of the powertrain's structural components has also been optimized to attain a spacious interior with room for four adults in a compact body that maintains a high level of collision safety performance no matter what the crash direction.

The FCX was the world's first fuel cell vehicle to obtain U.S. government approval for commercialization in July, and Honda has entered into an agreement to lease five FCX vehicles to the City of Los Angeles. A vehicle delivery ceremony is scheduled to take place at Los Angeles City Hall on December 2nd, with L.A. Mayor James K. Hahn and Honda President and CEO Hiroyuki Yoshino in attendance.

FCX fuel cell vehicle

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FCX Specifications

Number of occupants		4
Maximum speed		150km/h
Motor	Max. output	60kW (82PS)
	Max. drive torque	272Nm
	Type	AC synchronous electric motor (manufactured by Honda)
Fuel cell stack	Type	PEFC (polymer electrolyte fuel cell, manufactured by Ballard)
	Output	78kW
Fuel	Type	Compressed hydrogen gas
	Storage	High-pressure hydrogen tank (350 atmospheres)
	Capacity	156.6L
Dimensions (L x W x H, mm)		4,165 x 1,760 x 1,645
Energy storage		Ultra-capacitor (manufactured by Honda)
Vehicle range		355km

Publicity materials for the FCX are available at the following URL:

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Ref.#02072

**Honda Receives Government Certification in China
for Automobile Plant Exclusively for Exports**

November 22, 2002, Tokyo Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has announced that it has received government certification for a passenger car plant project exclusively for exports which it is planning for Guangzhou, China. Following the signing of a memorandum of understanding between three companies, Guangzhou Auto Group Corp., Dongfeng Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. in July of this year, an application for the project was submitted to the Chinese government for certification. Having gained approval, Honda will now consider concrete details of the business plan between the three companies.

An outline of the approved project is shown below:

Production model:	1-1.5L passenger vehicle
Production volume:	50,000 units/year
Sales territory:	Europe/Asian region (total production volume for export)
Capital investment:	U.S.\$193 million
Investment percentage:	Honda Motor Co., Ltd. 65%
	Guangzhou Auto Group Corp. 25%
	Dongfeng Motor Corp. 10%
Location :	Guangzhou Export Development District
Start of production:	Latter half of 2004

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(NOTE: This release is embargoed until 11:30 a.m., Nov. 25)

Ref.#02073

HONDA WORLDWIDE PRODUCTION CONTINUES AT RECORD PACE

November 25, 2002 Honda Motor Co., Ltd., announced today that domestic sales in October were down 5.1% from the same month a year earlier, while domestic production was up 12.8, the fourth consecutive month for production increases. For calendar 2002, however, domestic sales remain up 5.9% compared to the same period in 2001.

Overseas, production was up 43.3% in Europe and 60.2% in Asia, continuing an upward trend that has continued for 22 consecutive months.

Domestic sales totaled 63,494 vehicles in October, again led by the Fit sub-compact vehicle (20,410 units), up 26% from October 2001. Honda's Life mini-vehicle (9,588 units) and Mobilio (7,261 units) were the other best-sellers last month.

By vehicle category, passenger car and light truck sales were up 0.1%, while mini vehicle sales were down 15.7%, the first decline after six months of growth.

Export shipments from Japan in October were up 5.9%, mainly because of increased shipments to Europe and Asia.

HONDA PRODUCTION, SALES AND EXPORTS OCTOBER 2002

PRODUCTION

	Oct Units Vs. 10/01		Annual Total Units Vs. 2001	
Domestic (CBU+CKD)	120,900	+ 12.8%	1,150,604	+ 8.7%
Overseas (CBU only)	131,132	+ 3.4%	1,273,740	+ 10.1%
Worldwide Total (*)	252,032	+ 7.7%	2,424,344	+ 9.4%

(*)-except overseas CKD

REGIONAL PRODUCTION

	Oct Units Vs. 10/01		Annual Total Units Vs. 2001	
North America	89,180	- 9.9%	941,675	+ 3.9%
(USA only)	62,128	- 4.1%	637,030	+ 7.5%
Europe	18,360	+ 43.3%	147,183	+ 61.1%
Asia	18,025	+ 60.2%	142,219	+ 24.3%
Others	5,567	+ 46.6%	42,663	- 3.4%
Overseas Total	131,132	+ 3.4%	1,273,740	+ 10.1%

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SALES				
Vehicle type	Oct Units Vs. 10/01		Annual Total Units Vs. 2001	
Passenger cars & light trucks	44,859	+ 0.1%	504,561	+ 8.6%
(Imports)	474	- 25.2%	7,621	+ 4.2%
Mini vehicles	18,635	- 15.7%	244,865	+ 0.8%
TOTAL	63,494	- 5.1%	749,426	+ 5.9%

EXPORTS				
	Oct Units Vs. 10/01		Annual Total Units Vs. 2001	
North America	25,267	- 16.9%	244,349	+ 8.9%
(USA only)	23,469	- 14.4%	217,654	+ 5.0%
Europe	5,905	+ 107.5%	59,447	+ 15.8%
Asia	1,924	+ 38.9%	27,875	+ 0.4%
Others	7,461	+ 105.3%	54,557	+ 34.6%
TOTAL	40,557	+ 5.9%	386,228	+ 12.3%

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ref. #02074

Honda Releases the Fit Aria A New Type of Small Sedan

November 29, 2002 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has announced the release of the new Fit Aria, an advanced small sedan. With its voluminous interior including a roomy 500L cargo space and a selection of seating arrangements, it exceeds expectations for spaciousness in a sedan. Equipped with a 1.3L or 1.5L i-DSI engine that delivers nimble performance and high fuel economy of 20.5km/L^{*2}, the Fit Aria goes on sale December 20th at Honda automobile dealers nationwide.

The Fit Aria is the fourth in the Honda SMALL MAX series, following in the footsteps of the popular Fit, Mobilio, and Mobilio Spike. Developed with the concept of creating an advanced small sedan, it breaks through common thinking on small sedans to take a giant leap ahead in practical functionality for a variety of lifestyle scenes.

Fit Aria 1.5W

Number of units for sale (domestic, monthly): 2,000 units

Fit Aria development concepts

Design: A sharp, advanced exterior, and a high-quality interior that goes beyond the expected for a small sedan.

Space and utility: A relaxed cabin space, coupled with a level of utility that goes well beyond the standard for a sedan.

Dynamics: High fuel economy combined with limber, stable driving performance.

In order to make these concepts a reality, Honda's Global Small Platform with center-tank layout^{*2} was employed to create an advanced small sedan with a spacious, low-floor cabin, and to offer outstanding utility in a compact body with short-nosed, forward-cabin design wrapped in advanced styling.

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A choice of either a 1.3L or a 1.5L i-DSI engine combined with the Honda Multimatic S transmission with 7-speed mode*⁴ delivers smooth, nimble performance along with a fuel economy of 20.5km/L*⁵ for the 1.3A and 20.0km/L*⁵ for the 1.5W, which places the Fit Aria among the top in its class*⁶. The Fit Aria also offers superb environmental performance: all model types are recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport as Excellent Low Emissions Vehicles, and meet fuel efficiency requirements for 2010. Moreover, Honda's original G-Force Control Technology ensures outstanding collision safety as well.

- *1 Honda in-house measurement according to VDA formula
- *2 Fuel consumption for 1.3L front-wheel drive vehicle driven in 10-15 mode (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport figures)
- *3 Layout with fuel tank located under front-row seats
- *4 7-speed mode available with 1.5L engine
- *5 Fuel consumption for front-wheel drive vehicle driven in 10-15 mode (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport figures)
- *6 1.3L, 1.5L 4-door sedan class (gasoline-powered vehicles)

Projected retail price at dealers nationwide (sales tax not included; units: ¥1,000)

Type	Engine	Transmission	Drive wheels	Price
1.5W	1.5L i-DSI	Honda Multimatic S with 7-speed mode	FWD	1,398
			4WD	1,593
1.3A	1.3L i-DSI	Honda Multimatic S	FWD	1,198
			4WD	1,393

indicates vehicle shown in photograph.

Main manufacturer options:

L Package: HID (High Energy Discharge) headlights (high/low beam); body-colored, electronic, remote-controlled, fold-away side mirrors; roof center antenna; green privacy glass (rear doors, rear window) (available on the 1.3A) +¥80,000

Body colors (five colors, including one new):

Gracious Beige Metallic (new color); Satin Silver Metallic; Ice Blue Metallic; Taffeta White; Eternal Blue Pearl

◆ Main Features

Exterior

The theme for the exterior was to pursue a forward big cabin design. The Global Small Platform's merits of a short nose and spacious cabin were put to work to create a small sedan with an advanced look. The result was a stylish form that is an exquisite blend of innovation and power.

Five body colors are available, including one new one: Gracious Beige Metallic.

Interior

The interior design theme was modern comfort. An independent 3-gauge instrument cluster with aluminum gauge rings, metallic-finish center panel with built-in audio, and other elements create an advanced feel, while the two-tone beige color scheme lends a bright, luxurious air to the vehicle's interior.

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The 1.3A features metallic-finish panels for a modern image, while the 1.5W employs wood-grain panels for a luxurious air, allowing each type to assert its personality.

Packaging

The center-tank layout with the fuel tank located under the front seat results in improved ease of use from the rear seats to the trunk. Ample leg room and plenty of height in the cabin further enhance passenger comfort.

The rear seat is equipped with dive-down and tip-up mechanisms that permit a wider range of seating arrangements than previously thought possible in a sedan, for an ULTR (ultra) Room that easily accommodates even large cargo.

The ULTR Room features four seating arrangement modes:

Utility Mode:	The 6:4 split rear seats with dive-down mode stow to create a wide, flat space and further expand the trunk area.
Long Mode:	In addition to Utility Mode, the front passenger seat fully reclines to create enough space for items as long as 2,710mm*7.
Tall Mode:	The rear seat cushion tips up to create another cargo space 1,245mm*7 high (effective cabin height), for transporting houseplants and other tall items.
Roomy cargo space:	The center-tank layout permits a generous cargo space with a 500L*8 capacity.

*7 Honda in-house measurement

*8 Honda in-house measurement according to VDA formula

Driving performance

The 1.3L and 1.5L i-DSI engines deliver the smooth, light driving feel and excellent fuel economy that are the calling cards of a small sedan. Powerful torque characteristics in the low- to mid-speed range ensure smooth, stress-free driving. In combination with the Honda Multimatic S CVT (continuously variable automatic transmission) the Fit Aria s engines attain superb fuel economy of 20.5km/L⁹ for the 1.3A and 20.0km/L⁹ for the 1.5W. Both types also offer superb environmental performance and are certified as Excellent Low Emissions Vehicles. Both types come fitted with Honda s new-generation CVT, the Honda Multimatic S, which delivers excellent fuel economy and smooth performance designed to provide the driver with a natural driving feel. To further enhance the driving experience, the transmission on the 1.5W is also equipped with 7-speed mode, so the driver can choose between CVT, 7-speed auto shift, and 7-speed manual shift modes. The suspension shares the same basic components as the Fit, with custom-tuned spring rates and shock absorber damping rates for optimum performance. The result is a supple ride combined with stable handling.

The EPS (electric power steering) has been specially tuned to ensure a natural, solid handling feel at all speeds, from low to high.

Engine noise and vibration have been reduced, the body panels made more rigid, and the latest lightweight, high-efficiency sound insulation material employed to achieve a high level of quietness.

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Both types are also available with lightweight, compact, full-time 4WD.

*9 Fuel consumption for front-wheel drive vehicle driven in 10-15 mode (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport figures)

Safety

Honda's original G-CON (G-force Control) technology is incorporated to create a new body with a crash safety design. It can protect vehicle occupants in a 55km/h full-frontal collision, a 64km/h front offset collision, a 55km/h side collision, and a 50km/h rear collision.

To further improve safety in real-world collisions, Honda has implemented its own vehicle-to-vehicle collision testing program^{*10} with its own independently-established research standards. This collision testing is much more demanding than conventional tests in which the car is crashed into a fixed barrier. The Fit Aria's safety design meets even these stringent testing requirements.

The number of body sections designed to reduce pedestrian injury has been increased to protect pedestrians' lower limbs as well as their heads.

The interior is designed to protect occupants' heads in a collision, and front-row seats are also designed to alleviate shock to the neck. These features help to lessen the severity of head and neck injuries to occupants in the event of a collision.

An SRS dual front airbag system for the driver and front passenger is standard equipment on both types.

ISO FIX-compatible child seat anchoring bars (left and right rear seats) are also standard on both types.

*10 Testing involves a 50% front offset collision with a 2-ton class passenger car, both vehicles traveling at 50km/h.

Environmental performance

Atmospheric pollutants (HC, NOx) in the exhaust gas have been greatly reduced. In fact, the Fit Aria runs so clean that both types are recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport as Excellent Low Emissions Vehicles, with emissions of less than 50% of those allowed under year 2000 emissions regulations.

High-efficiency combustion technology helps the Fit Aria attain superb fuel economy of 20.5km/L^{*11} for the 1.3A and 20.0km/L^{*11} for the 1.5W. Both types meet fuel efficiency requirements for 2010.

Most interior and exterior trim components are made of olefin resin for superior recyclability. This and other measures result in an overall vehicle recyclability that exceeds 90%^{*12}.

Use of lead has been reduced to less than 1/3 of 1996 levels.

*11 Fuel consumption for front-wheel drive vehicle driven in 10-15 mode (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport figures)

*12 According to independent Honda measurement standards

Publicity information for the Fit Aria is available from the following URL:

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Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and Subsidiaries

For the three months and six months ended September 30, 2001 and 2002

	Millions of yen				Millions U.S. of dollars	
	Three months		Six months		Three months	Six months
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2002	2002
Net sales and other operating revenue	¥ 1,744,561	¥ 1,916,775	¥ 3,504,996	¥ 3,853,611	\$ 15,634	\$ 31,432
Operating income	163,792	153,046	315,237	323,869	1,248	2,642
Income before income taxes	134,315	109,997	269,987	273,701	897	2,232
Net income	84,362	87,181	173,740	194,779	711	1,589
	Yen				U.S. dollars	
Net income per						
Common share	¥ 86.58	¥ 89.54	¥ 178.30	¥ 199.98	\$ 0.73	\$ 1.63
American share	43.29	44.77	89.15	99.99	0.37	0.82
	Thousands of units					
Unit Sales Breakdown	Three months		Six months			
	2001	2002	2001	2002		
MOTORCYCLES						
Japan	107	(107)	121	(121)	216	(216)*
North America	144	(69)				