

## **Shihab Solaiman Meets Media at Abu Dhabi Grand Prix as 2016 INFINITI Academy Engineer**

UAE winner of the 2016 INFINITI Engineering Academy, one of seven new Academy Engineers, Shihab Solaiman, met INFINITI media guests at the Formula One™ season finale, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix recently.

With Tommaso Volpe (Director, INFINITI Global Motorsport), Bob Bell (Chief Technical Officer, Renault Sport Formula One™ Team) and Craig D'Silva (PR Director, INFINITI Middle East), Shihab joined local media guests at a roundtable event to discuss the INFINITI Engineering Academy, during the race weekend. He was accompanied by Usman Zafar, the 2015 INFINITI Engineering Academy from Saudi Arabia.

This was the first official INFINITI Engineering Academy event for the 23-year-old mechanical engineer from the Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi, who recently commenced six months working at the INFINITI Technical Centre, Cranfield (UK), another six months at the Renault Sport Formula One Team base in Enstone, Oxfordshire will follow.

Shihab had this to say about his first official Academy trip: “My experience at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix was absolutely incredible. The time I got to spend in the Renault Sport Formula One Team garage talking to members of the race crew during the Practice sessions was something I would have only dreamt about before the Academy.

“My predecessor, Usman, pointed out some of the parts he had designed on Jolyon Palmer’s race car and shared some very interesting insights about the R.S. 16. Listening to him and experiencing the electric atmosphere inside the garage was very exciting and made me anticipate my placement at the race team even more.

“I was also fortunate enough to spend some time with Tommaso Volpe and Bob Bell at the media roundtable, and seeing their commitment to and passion for the INFINITI Engineering Academy was very inspiring. I came away from the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix more motivated than ever!”