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The pre-start tests for the 2022 Silk Way Rally competitors were held on Tuesday in the vicinity of Astrakhan, where the bivouac of the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the rally is located. Crews from all racing categories participated in the test runs, having the task to check their cars and motorcycles before the start of the rally. It was evident that the drivers have missed the atmosphere of one of the most challenging cross-country rallies in the world.

The Silk Way Rally organizers tried to prepare the test distance in such a way that the competitors could try out their vehicles in the very conditions that would accompany their fight during the event.

Many drivers took the opportunity to test the vehicles – Vladimir Vasilyev, Anastasia Nifontova, Andrey Rudskoy, Nikita Mazepin, Evgeny Frezorger, Alexander Goloushkin, Dmitry Mordkovich, Alexey Tuzov, Armen Puzyan, Dmitry Kalinin, Sergey Karyakin, Andrey Sushentsov, Vyacheslav Paputsky, as well as the entire KAMAZ-master and MAZ-SPORTauto teams.

One of the most outstanding crews that attracts particular journalists' attention is the Russian-Chinese trio consisting of driver Hou Hongning, co-driver Shen Xin and very experienced Russian engineer Robert Amatych, who perform in KAMAZ-43509. This crew is well known for its successful performance in the 2016 Silk Way Rally – Hou



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Hongning and Shen Xin, then assisted by Andrey Mokeev, were the fifth in the Truck standings at the finish line. This year Hou Hongning, Shen Xin and Robert Amatych participate in the "Following Peter the Great" Grand Tour category.

"The rally will be interesting, Hou Hongning said after the test runs. Spectators in China will follow the struggle at the Silk Way Rally closely. We are determined to do everything we can to please our fans and perform well".

The Russian-Chinese crew participates in the Silk Way Rally with the support of the Federation of Automobile and Motorcycle Sports of China.



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