

For the Non Japanese teams,

Tips on Logistics

The most difficult part of the oversea race is LOGISTICS, especially when it comes to get hurried for team members to purchase cheap air tickets.

Well, here is a story of good example from our friend, Mr Ikegami. He's the chief engineer of TOKAI Univ. Solar car team.

This year, he went to the US for the world record breaking commit of "Human Powered Vehicle". His team took the vehicle to the airport, to load it into cargo just like normal baggage.

You'd better tell the airline people beforehand that you will bring a sports equipment and its size maybe almost same as a surf board, its length and weight. In his case, the airline company said they don't take anything heavier than 45kg, which is the the maximum weight.

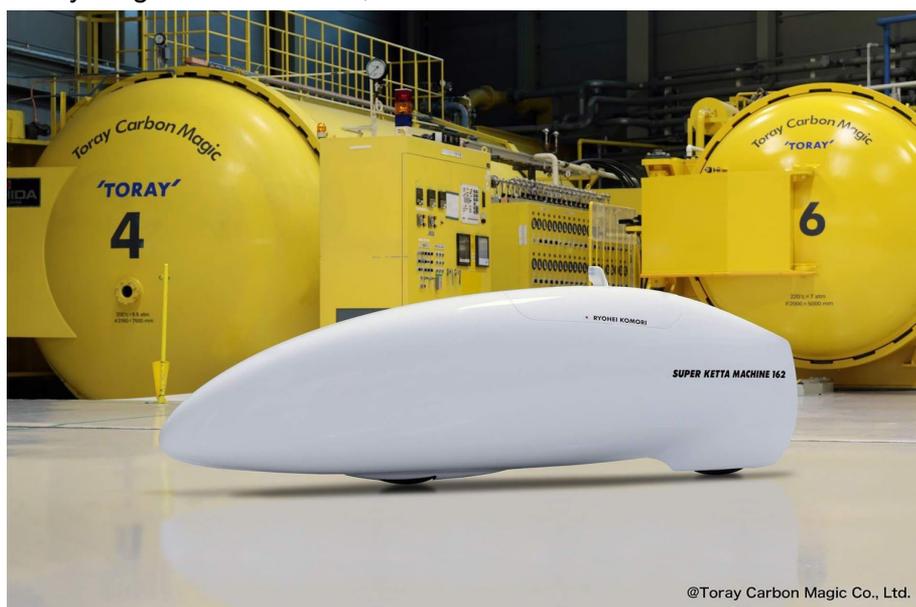
And they don't charge you extra fee for the weight lighter than 23kg. There should be a chart of the additional fee per 1kg depending on the airline. And you might also want to ask them beforehand if the exceeding kgs can be split by the members of the same group.

In my case for example, when my team had to put the car on the aircraft and the weight of the car was shared by team members that's because we took all bags with us in the cabin instead of cargo. So we didn't need to pay for the extra charge. Although I guess that depends on the air companies' policy.

Mr. Ikegami said, His team paid 600USD for additional weight for one way. I think it's quite reasonable price comparing to a lot of work with shipping company. And his HPV looks fat and bigger than WEM cars but is almost same size as SEM cars.

Mr. Ikegami will show up as the lecturer at the event of ECO2016 to give us his story about designing the cars and this HPV.

So if your team make success on coming to Okinawa with your lovely car, then tell him about your story. He'll definitely be glad to hear that. ;D



The **Human Powered Vehicle** by Mr. Ikegami's design, "["Super Ketta"](#)" Weighs only 29kg, Length:2.7m

Logistics cost: 600USD for Japan-USA one way on Japan Air Line

They declared this is a sports equipment.