



Palace of Monaco,
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Your Imperial Majesty,

May I humbly draw your attention to the “World Sky Race” project, a competition between airships circling the planet. The project, which was initiated several years ago, could materialise in 2024, according to the organisers, in particular Mr Don Hartsell, Commissioner and Managing Director of the World Air League.

In my mind, this race – which spans the entire globe – in addition to its sports and recreational appeal, has the advantage of raising awareness of the opportunities that airships may provide in the future as a cargo transportation system for heavy equipment.

The implementation of propulsion methods that can use fuel cells, biodiesel or solar panels would enable us to create a new, carbon-free form of mobility.

It is with a view to promoting a non-polluting means of transportation that the Principality of Monaco, through its sovereign fund, supports the Flying Whales projects, as have several other states and public entities.

As the World Sky Race plans to make a stopover in your country, I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration, and that of the competent departments of your administration to this project and to the efforts made by its organisers.

*May Your Imperial Majesty please accept,
the expression of my highest esteem,*

His Majesty Naruhito
Emperor of Japan

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