

# WorldSkills Shizuoka 2007

## Opening Ceremony, Media Release

### WorldSkills International Mission

To promote, through the cooperative actions of Members, a worldwide awareness of the essential contribution that skills and high standards of competence make to the achievement of economic success and individual fulfillment. [www.worldskills.org](http://www.worldskills.org)



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Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition (WSC) and 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics (IA) kicked off with a bang at Granship in Shizuoka City. The event was a combination of cultural exchange and national pride for the numerous teams marching in. With the Crown Prince in attendance, the event showcased Competitors from both the WSC and IA marching across the stage of the main hall of Granship. Excitement levels were high, you could feel the mix of emotions in the atmosphere of the Competitors who were anxiously looking forward to the days of Competition to follow. After marching into Granship, the Competitors took their seats and were addressed by several dignitaries including the Crown Prince. Three Competitors and 3 Experts from the WSC were given the opportunity to represent the rest of the Competitors and Experts and take the Oath of integrity, impartiality, transparency and fairness. After the Opening Ceremony was over, the Competitors moved to an Exchange Reception, where Competitors from both Competitions and from all the countries/regions gathered together to share stories of their journey, their homes and themselves. The Competitors enjoyed the night and were also finishing their mental preparation for the big days to come. The 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition is officially open!

For more information please visit:

[www.worldskills2007.com](http://www.worldskills2007.com) or <http://www.skillsfestival2007.or.jp/index.htm>

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### Schedule of Events

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Wednesday, November 14, 15:00-18:00	WorldSkills Competition Opening Ceremony	Granship, Shizuoka City, Japan
Thursday, November 15, 10:00-17:00	Day 1 of the WorldSkills Competition and Global Skills Village	WSC Site, Numazu City, Japan
Friday, November 16, 9:00-17:00	Day 2 of the WorldSkills Competition and Global Skills Village	WSC Site, Numazu City, Japan
Saturday, November 17, 9:00-17:00	Day 3 of the WorldSkills Competition and Global Skills Village	WSC Site, Numazu City, Japan
Sunday, November 18, 9:00-16:00	Day 4 of the WorldSkills Competition and Global Skills Village	WSC Site, Numazu City, Japan
Tuesday, November 19, 10:30-16:30	WorldSkills Welcome Festival	Gotemba Competitor Village, Japan
Wednesday, November 21, 15:00-21:30	WorldSkills Competition Closing Ceremonies and Farewell Party	Kira Messe, Numazu City, Japan

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