

# Day 1 – 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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## WorldSkills Shizuoka 2007

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Day 1 of the 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition kicks off today. For the first time, the Competitors, Experts, Delegates, Observers, and visitors will be together onsite. Over 830 Competitors from 47 countries are represented in 47 skills. There are 17 Halls spread over a large area in Numazu City. With fresh flowers and bright signage throughout the Competition site, Japan once again shows a warm welcome to all.

The Competitors start briefing in their Competition area at 9:00. Media and visitors are anxiously awaiting to get their first glance of the Competitors in action. Competition Halls finally opened for the first time at 10:00 for the public.

Today is where the final test projects will be handed out in all the skills. So Competitors will be busy going over blueprints, details and layouts for their skill. They have to create a plan for themselves to make sure that they accomplish their goal of completing the test project. The test projects have been developed by the Experts in their skill over months and months of preparation. The Competitors have been practicing and training to perfect their skills the last several months, and today it finally starts. Once the Experts arrived onsite, they worked together to change 30% of the test projects so that the Competitors will have new and different twists in their test projects.

The WorldSkills Competition has begun!

\*Special note: Special guests and media will be invited to take part in the Restaurant Service Competition throughout the next few days. Visit Hall 7 to see this skill in action. If you are interested in signing up as a guest for Restaurant Service please call: Jarrad Langdon 090 5191 0611.

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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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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