

Day 2 – Media Release

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WorldSkills Shizuoka 2007

Day 2 of the WorldSkills Competition started with visits from very special guests. The Crown Prince of Japan visited several of the skills in the morning, talking to and watching the Competitors in action. There was an arranged time for him with various Workshop Supervisors. At the other side of the Competition site, 130 VIP leaders from over 15 countries representing government, education, training, industry and organisations arrived to see the Competition for the first time. They were lead in small groups throughout the site by Executive Board members, past WorldSkills Champions, dedicated volunteers and Global Sponsor Partners.

The guided tour ended at the WorldSkills Leaders Forum. The Vice Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture gave a warm welcome to the VIPs to express the Shizuoka Prefecture's excitement and gratitude for hosting the WorldSkills Competition and International Abilympics. With 200 leaders in attendance Dr. Ji Oh Song gave a dynamic and interactive keynote presentation on Samsung Electronics. All the VIPs were captivated by Dr. Song's message.

Meanwhile, the Competitors continued to work away on their test projects throughout the day. With thousands of school children and general public the Competition site was a thriving place of activities. Everyone expresses their amazement over the magnitude of the Competition. Mt. Fuji has also been gracing us with her presence and provides the prefect back drop to the Competition site.

For more information please visit:

www.worldskills2007.com or <http://www.skillsfestival2007.or.jp/index.htm>

Schedule of Events

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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