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5th ASEAN Skills Competition

The 5th ASEAN Skills Competition, held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 21 - 30 September, drew 150 skill champions from 8 countries in 14 Skill categories ranging from Information Technology through to Restaurant Service.

Prof. Dr Do Minh Cuong, Chair of the Competition Organising Committee told Mr. Jack Dusseldorp, President of WorldSkills, that Vietnam was undergoing a rapid expansion of its vocational training effort and greatly valued the opportunity to benchmark standards and practices within the ASEAN region as well as at world level.



Four of the ASEAN countries (Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand) are members of WorldSkills, and both Indonesia and Vietnam have indicated their intention to become full members in time for the 2007 WorldSkills Competition in Japan.

Pictured below with the judges of the Restaurant Service competition, Jack Dusseldorp said he was most impressed by the standard of the overall Competition which was based on the test projects from last year's WorldSkills Competition in St Gallen.



Higher category accommodation packages most popular!

29 member countries have now booked the accommodation packages provided by Event Travel, FI.

With prices comparable to Seoul, most members have booked the high priced options. There are a limited number of packages still remaining in these popular categories. The cheaper packages are still available especially for competitors. [Click here](#) to book your 2005 accommodation package or email [Riitta Pystanen!](mailto:Riitta.Pystanen@worldskills.org)

Note that you should book your accommodation for the total number of persons to the competition **by 15 November.**

34th National Competition in Chinese Taipei

Speaking at the Awards Ceremony of the 34th National Skills Competition in Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) last week, Jack Dusseldorp, President of WorldSkills (pictured below with two of the medal winners) congratulated everyone involved for their proud tradition of conducting annual skill competitions since just before joining WorldSkills in 1972.

Mr Kuo, the Official Delegate to WorldSkills, told Mr Dusseldorp that the delegation going to Helsinki in May 2005 would be over 100 people strong, and that skills competitions continued to be considered a key part of vocational training effort in Taiwan.

Mr Dusseldorp also caught up with Mr Tan, the long serving WorldSkills Technical Delegate for Chinese Taipei, who in retirement heads up an association of some 300 past competitors and experts who have gone on to careers ranging from college professors to factory managers. The association provides support and guidance to the current generation of skilled champions in Taiwan.



Taitaja 2005 TURKU

“Master your skills – Master your future”.

The Pre-WorldSkills Competition in Turku

The next FinnsSkills, Taitaja 2005, takes place in Turku from 19 to 21 January 2005. The organisers expect 45,000 visitors. The Taitaja 2005 competition has an extremely important role for testing all systems and arrangements for the Helsinki 2005 competition. Supervisors will have an opportunity to test their concept in real circumstances and see how machines and equipment suit the running of the WorldSkills Competition in 2005. Turku is a very important event in many other respects too.

Firstly, the last Finnish qualifying sessions for Helsinki will take place at Taitaja 2005. As a result, Skills Finland is going to present the Finnish national team at the prize giving ceremony. Furthermore, the mascot of WorldSkills 2005 will be joining to the spirit of Helsinki. Additionally, the official fanfare will start in Turku.

“Youngsters show their competencies in Portugal”

The Institute of Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP) will organise the national Skills Competition in Aveiro, Portugal from 9-14 November 2004. The objective is not only to select candidates for the International Competition in Helsinki 2005, but also to improve professions and vocational training in Portugal. More than 200 Portuguese youngsters will compete in 30 skills in order to gain a position in the world championships.

All of these youngsters will have to accomplish specific assignments, tasks related to their profession, during a period of 5 days. These assignments will be judged by an educational jury and professionals in the respective areas.

The goal is also to promote certain skills by putting these in a totally different complexion so that youngsters will know that they all will have the possibility to get a qualification in a certain trade as a way to the battle and as a contribution to the development of the country. More appreciation of certain skills is needed and people need to be made aware of this.

The organisers expect hundreds of youngsters who will be visiting Aveiro and who can see and experience skills in real life and who can conquer some obstacles and social stigmas.

There will be 7 days of full entertainment where the competition can be observed in real life, where several demonstration and experiment spots, music spectacles, street animation, photo exhibitions, animation movies and various thematic workshops take place throughout the city.

Train your competitors, experts and other key groups in Turku, Finland!

Turku has generously offered the possibility to WorldSkills members and potential members to send their competitors to a pre-competition event (January 2005) where competitors can participate in 27 skills in accordance with the WorldSkills Competition standards.

At the moment the challenge has been accepted by 12 countries: Austria, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Latvia, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Russia, Great Britain, Denmark, Spain and Australia.

These countries will participate in this event for the first time. The

competitors will have the chance to participate in the following skills: IT/ Software Applications, Web design, Carpentry and IT PC/ Network Support and Landscape Gardening in the international competition. It is also possible to attend this event as an observer. An observer will have access to the competition area and to demonstration shows for all skills. Observers will also have free right to participate in all lectures which will be given at the ‘International Made in Europe-seminar’. If you are interested in joining this event please contact **Mr. Matti Haapanen**, ph +358 2 2633 4800.

New membership applications

Indonesia has officially applied for an Associate Membership with WorldSkills. The Executive Board will consider the application in November in Helsinki. Are you in contact with a non member country who is interested in joining us, please let us know. Note: an information document ‘How to join WorldSkills’ (becoming a member) is available on the website in English, German and French (About WorldSkills > [How to join WorldSkills](#)).



Competition area in Aveiro



Marketing WorldSkills brand - who is next?

After Canada, France, Finland, Australia and New Zealand, four other countries, Austria, The Netherlands, Brunei and Portugal have now also added the new WorldSkills logo with an active link to www.worldskills.org to their websites. Are you the next one? For assistance please contact our Technical Coordinator David Hoey at david.hoey@worldskills.org.

Who will host the GA 2008?

A request for hosting the General Assembly in 2008 has been sent to the member countries in September.

Austria, Jamaica, The Netherlands and South Africa have expressed their interest to host this event. **Stay tuned ...**



Update on the preparations for 2005: New sponsors and cooperation partners of WorldSkills 2005 Helsinki

Lately the Organising Committee has been lately putting strong impetus on sponsor negotiations. The latest significant sponsor-contract was signed with Electrolux, who joined to the partner level together with Festo and Volvo. At the moment these are the official suppliers: Altia, Event Travel, Finnair, Helsinki City transport (HKL), Kempfi and Lainapeite. Skills Finland and Opettaja-magazine have signed a media-partner contract in August. This partnership guarantees that one key-segment, the Finnish teachers and councillors, will get unaffected information on WorldSkills 2005 Helsinki. The contract covers also a special event-supplement on 20 May 2005 with 153,000 copies.

Meet the Helsinki OC 2005



Sitting left to right: Tiina Meklin - Information Officer, Sirpa Nuutinen - Event Manager, Maria Atzmon - Executive Assistant, Riikka Ruotsala - Project Manager

Standing left to right: Eija Alhojärvi - Executive Director, Hannu Immonen - Technical Manager, Henri Nordenswan - Chief Financial Officer, Yrjö Iskala - Transport Manager, Jaakko Pekkala - Technical Manager, Vesa Ruotonen - Producer, Jorma Sihvonen - Security Manager, Kati Lundgren - Project Manager, Immo Pylvänen - Training Manager, Tua Kauppala - Project Assistant, Markku Lahtinen - Communications Manager, Kalle Vihtari - Project Worker, Piia Virtanen - IT-Coordinator, Esa Lähteenaro - Coordinator, Janne Kosonen - Trainee

Sweden increases activities in WorldSkills through National Competitions

The Swedish Government has decided to continue to support the Swedish participation in World Skills Competition, up to 2011. This means that our national organisation Youth Skills Sweden is supported by the social partners, i.e. employers'- and employees' federations as well as the Swedish Government. The Swedish Minister of Education, Mr Thomas Östros, expressed the government's support during the inauguration of the first joint national Swedish Skills Competitions held in Piteå, in the north of Sweden, in May 2004.

This, our first, joint national skills competition attracted lots of attention and spectators; no less than 10 000 visitors in two and a half days. This must be considered to be very good as it was the first joint competition, and as it was held in the north of Sweden where there are less schools than in higher populated areas of our country. During the competition 16 competitors got qualified for Team Sweden and World Skills Competition in Helsinki 2005.

The attention from media was very big and thus appreciated among the different organisations involved in the arrangement of the competition. You could read about the event in more than 500 different articles before, during and after the competition.

The Swedish joint national competition will, in the future, take place every second year and the next event will be in Göteborg in 2006, where there are expectations for many more trades and competitors than we had this first year in Piteå.

If you want to know more about the Swedish participation in WorldSkills, Youth Skills Sweden and Team Sweden, please visit our homepage: www.yrkeslandslaget.com

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Events this month

Dates	Venue	Event
11-14 Oct	Iran	Iranian National Competitions
18-21 Oct	New Zealand, Auckland Showgrounds, Greenlane	New Zealand's National Competitions
22-25 Oct	Japan, Iwate Prefecture	Japanese National Competitions
Oct/Nov	Germany	German National Competition
4-8 Nov	Helsinki, Finland	Technical Committee meeting
9-14 Nov	Alveiro, Portugal	Portuguese National Competitions
22-26 Nov	CNFPC Esch/Alzette	Luxemburg National Competitions
25-27 Nov	Bozen Messe	South Tyrol National Competitions
25-27 Nov	Brussels	Belgian National Competition

Articles for next issue:

The next issue will be published in November 2004. Please send your articles and photos to sheila.ruigrok@worldskills.org by 5 November 2004.



Swedish Minister of Education, Mr Thomas Östros



From the Competition Site