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WorldSkills Youth Forum



WorldSkills is organising a **“Youth Forum”** for a select group of past competitors not older than 26 years of age. The Youth Forum will be conducted in conjunction with the General Assembly and Leaders Forum in Melbourne, Australia from May 6-11, 2006. Participants in the Youth Forum need to be nominated by member organisations of WorldSkills.

Here is a great opportunity for members to give special recognition to some of their outstanding past competitors to participate in the Youth Forum, and together with a select group of their peers, share their views and perspectives about WorldSkills with our delegates at the General Assembly.

The deadline for “Expressions of Interest” is Monday, 14 Nov 2005. Final registration will be 30 Jan 2006.



For more information visit:
www.worldskillsyouthforum.com

Thailand's 2nd National Skill Competition for Disabled People

The Department of Skill Development, Ministry of Labour of Thailand, organized the 2nd National Skill Competition for Disabled People from 26-28 August 2005.

During the 2 days of the competition there were 236 disabled people from across the country participating in the competition.



Opening Ceremony

HRH Princess Somsawali presided over the opening ceremony at the competition venue of MCC Hall in the Mall Shopping Center near Bangkok.

There were 24 skills in this competition Assembly,



Left to right: Armless knitting, computer operator and Labour Minister Mr. Somsak Thepsutin presenting a medal

Below: HRH Princess Somsawali at the ceremony

such as Welding, Electronics Circuits Motorcycle Repairing, Web Design, Knitting, Painting, Carving etc. In the closing ceremony, Minister Labour Mr. Somsak Thepsutin presented medals to the winners and chaired the closing ceremony.

This competition is one of the most important skill events organized for disabled people in Thailand. The competition is to demonstrate their equal competence in workplace if employed. Moreover, this event will also be the preparation for the 6th International Abilitylympics in 2007 in Japan.

This second national competition, held 2 years after the first in 2003, has seen more public eagerness and support for disabled people to realize their full potentials.

Contributed by Thai Skills



Scoozy Design is Crucial in Competition Assignments for Dutch Metal and Electro Technology



The Scoozy scoot mobile

HAZERSWOUDE-DORP – Skills Netherlands' member Bureau TOP, an organisation that promotes technology to young students, has the support of various Dutch manufacturers and supply industries. Thanks to this support the national competitors can perform at their best. The participants in the vocational competitions donate several machines, materials and software. One of the examples is Spark Design Engineering who provides the design of a scoot mobile called Scoozy, to which all competition projects of the national vocational competitions final are related.

Innovative design

The concept of the Scoozy is upgraded exclusively for the next competitions. It is an innovative design of high technological standards. The scoot mobile provides a challenging assignment for each competition skill - mechatronics, assembling, electro, it is all there. A further advantage is that the Scoozy is a product that will draw the attention of people.

Skills needed

Spark Design Engineering supports the vocational competitions in metal and electronic industries, because the company wants to promote the image of technology in The Netherlands. If you need more information about the Scoozy project, please contact [Skills Netherlands](#) or [Bureau TOP](#).

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Share your knowledge - Swedish Skills Championships

The first Swedish National Skills Competition was held in 2004 in a small town in the north of Sweden called Piteå. Youth Skills Sweden (YSS) was responsible for the whole arrangement and was financially responsible for the arenas (all surfaces), opening and closing ceremonies, welcome reception, overall marketing and public relations. The different organisations for each trade paid for their own competitors, experts, judges and of course for travel expenses and accommodation.



In 2004, 16 trades participated and the Swedish winner was appointed to represent Sweden in WorldSkills Competition in Helsinki 2005. In 14 trades it was only a Swedish competition. Over 100 skilled young people from across the country came to Piteå to compete and more than 10,000 people visited the competition.

There is more information about this event in the YSS DVD "Yrkes-SM 2004" and via our website www.yrkeslandslaget.com

YSS prepared the team (competitors and experts) for the WSC 2005 at several occasions. In January they took the whole team to visit the Finnish Championships (Taitaja) in Turku and also went to Helsinki to see the arenas and the hotels. At the same time they had team-building and lectures in media and marketing. During the time before WSC they had three meetings in order to prepare the competitors and experts. One of the meetings was held in the winter in Arvidsjaur in the north of Sweden (Lappland) where the young people learned how to deal with very special conditions and how to survive during difficult circumstances. Apart from that every trade (most often a joint-committee) trained their competitors in their special trades - and that varied a lot. Sweden had 30 competitors in 25 skills in the WSC Helsinki 2005.

After the WSC in Helsinki YSS made two evaluations, one for the competitors and one for the experts. They arranged a meeting directly when they went home to Stockholm by ferry from Helsinki.

The results of YSS evaluations were first reported to the YSS Board and after that it was sent out to all "members" of YSS; that is all employers associations, labour unions, joint-committees, companies and other interested partners and sponsors. YSS made similar evaluations after our first national competition 2004.



The next Swedish Skills Championships take place in Göteborg 17-20 May 2006. It will have some trades that are "open" for other members of WorldSkills to participate. YSS will advise WorldSkills members about this at a later date. YSS look very much forward to this event as they see it as a "rehearsal" for the 2011 WorldSkills Competition, which they sincerely hope will take place in Göteborg in June.

*Contributed by
Youth Skills Sweden*

Australian Gold Medal winners acknowledged by Prime Minister



The Hon John Howard Prime Minister of Australia (centre) and The Hon Pat Farmer, MP congratulating Brent Butler (MTC medallist)

In Early September, the Australian medallists were flown to the Australian Parliament House, Canberra to meet with the Prime Minister of Australia and his Education and Training Ministers.

After being taken to lunch and enjoying a sitting of Parliament, the medallists in Mechatronics, Welding, Cooking and Restaurant Service enjoyed an Award ceremony where the Prime Minister thanked them for their dedication and hard work and awarded each with a special plaque.

Each of these young people has also been the guest of honour at ceremonies in their home States to celebrate their success in Helsinki. Australia is very proud of all those competitors who worked so hard for the National Finals in Australia and for those who proceeded to perform so well in Helsinki, from around the world – congratulations to you all.

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WorldSkills Australia*

The Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition 2006

The First Organising Committee Meeting of the Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition 2006 was held at the Rizqun International Hotel, The Mall, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam from 5-7 September 2005.

The meeting was attended by delegations from eight member countries:

- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Mr Haji Ishaq bin Haji Abdullah, the Deputy Permanent Secretary III at the Ministry of Education Brunei Darussalam, was elected as the Chairperson for the Organising Committee Meeting of the Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition while Dr. Wan Mohd Mahidin bin Wan Kadir of Malaysia was elected as the Vice-Chairperson.



Some of the delegates (who attended the 1st Organising Committee Meeting) on steps of the International Convention Centre



Holds of Delegations from 8 countries - Chairperson Mr Haji Ishaq bin Haji Abdullah (centre)

At the meeting the following was agreed:

- 12 Skill Areas would be competed in at the Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition 2006: Automobile Technology, Bricklaying, Cabinet Making, Commercial Wiring, Computer Aided Drawing and Design (CADD), Cookery, Electronic Applications, Information Technology, Ladies' Dressmaking, Plumbing, Restaurant Service and Welding.
- The main contents of the Test Projects from the 38th WorldSkills Competition which was held in Helsinki, Finland would be used as the basis for the development of the Test Projects of the Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition 2006.
- The initial indication of the total number of competitors was 149.
- The Sixth ASEAN Skills Competition would be held from 4-13 of September 2006 at the International Convention Centre and the Indoor Stadium, Berakas, Brunei Darussalam.
- The First Technical Committee Meeting would be held from 6-10 March 2006 at the International Convention Centre, Berakas, Brunei Darussalam.
- The size of each delegation from participating member countries.
- The guidelines, rules and procedures of the competition.
- Malaysia would be the Host Country of the Seventh ASEAN Skills Competition 2008.

National Skills Competition

The National Skills Competition of Brunei Darussalam will be held in January 2006. All 12 Skill Areas from the 6th ASEAN Skills Competition will be competed in.

Website

www.dte.edu.bn has been developed (and will be updated) with information about the 6th ASEAN Skills Competition 2006.

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Brunei Ministry of Education (Dept of Technical Education)*

South Africa: WorldSkills competition framework – Skill 29 Ladies & Gents Hairdressing

WorldSkills South Africa's (WS-SA) Secretariat together with their stakeholders* form the competitions framework for participation in South Africa.

Currently the EOHCB (Employers Organisation for Hairdressing, Cosmetology and Beauty) and their stakeholder's co-ordinate and run a series of regional competitions in the 4 major provinces of South Africa. These regional champions then qualify to participate in a National competition.



National champion

The winners of this National competition are the South African Champions. There is a WorldSkills category in both of these competitions and there is a strict age criteria for the participation in the WorldSkills International Competition –which is under the age of 22 in the year of the international competition. The winner of the youth section in this competition is our competitor that is eligible to participate in the WorldSkills competition for that cycle. Participation in the WorldSkills International competition is a “once –off” participation by that competitor irrespective of the age factor.



Model at National Competition

The international criteria for the competitions in the form of a “Competition Project” is forwarded to the EOHCB for inclusion in the competition criteria on regional and national level. This criterion is updated every two years through the WorldSkills SA Secretariat from the International body. WorldSkills International subscribes to - latest technology - latest techniques.



(L-R) President WS-SA, Diane Clutton, Michelle Groenerwald, CEO WS-SA Marella O'Reilly

By WorldSkills South Africa partnering with various stakeholders they are able to access the pool of talented educators, trainers and professionals from the Hairdressing fraternity to.

participate in this competition framework. This partnering allows them



to draw from this pool of professionals to effectively adjudicate, manage and control the full competition framework's integrity.

National Competition: Beauty

Once the national champion is selected, an intensive training program is embarked on. International trainers are used to upgrade and hone the skill of the competitor. This training program runs for a year until the next international WorldSkills Competition. This training includes, mentoring, team building sessions and psychological competitions stamina building to prepare the competitor holistically.



Regional competition

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