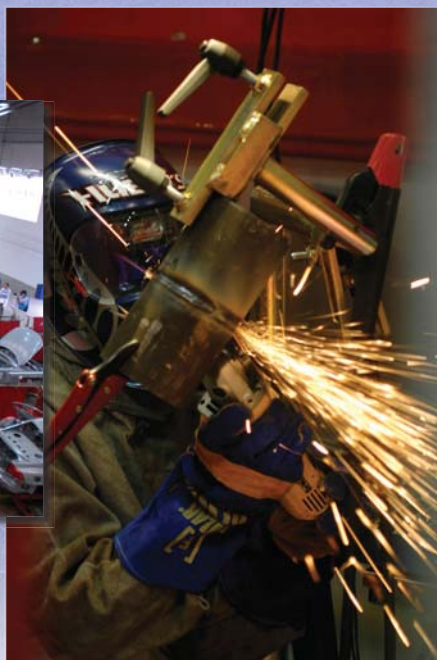


# International Skills Festival for All Japan 2007

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Skilled champions on the world stage



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39th WorldSkills Competition  
14-21 November 2007 Shizuoka Japan



7th International Abilympics  
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## Introduction

Labor, which began from the skill to create things, is the foundation of a nation's economy and industry. Various skills are essential for a nation in the 21st century. Although the importance of the skills and the vocational training supporting them has been receiving renewed recognition, fewer young people are entering manufacturing industry. Furthermore, the postwar baby-boom generation will turn 60 and begin retiring in 2007, creating a shortage of skilled workers. It is therefore essential that the experience and expertise of these skilled workers be transferred to the younger generation should be done quickly and smoothly.

Effective measures should be taken to deal with the problem of the lack of replacements for skilled workers in the industry. These would include promoting the attractiveness of the skills in various fields and helping young people to learn and acquire them in order to find jobs of their choice. This will contribute to the vocational independence of young people and reduce the present employment problems.

Also, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we should realize a "Society for All," where people respect one another's personal qualities and individuality by promoting the participation of people with disabilities in socio-economic activities. To this end, the skills play an important role in helping them achieve vocational independence and economic stability.

The International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007 aims at contributing to promote this concept of a skill-oriented nation that will open the way to a "Society for All."

## Themes

### **(1) Focusing on the value of skilled people and the importance of top-level skills**

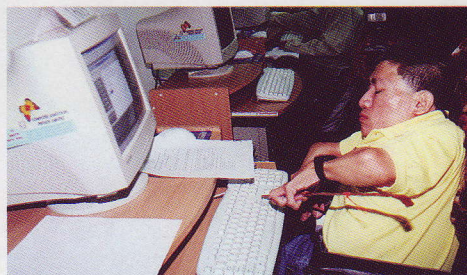
Acquiring good skills is one of the most fundamental human abilities. By mastering skills, people gain stability, as well as experiencing joy and self-fulfillment. We in the 21st century need to focus again on skilled people and the importance of skills. They should play a more active role in our society.

### **(2) Experiencing the value of skilled people and the importance of top-level skills**

The WorldSkills Competition and the International Abilympics, taking place simultaneously for the first time, will provide an excellent opportunity for people to rediscover how the acquisition of skills enhances self-expression and the pleasure of living. It is also a chance to make visitors and the general public rediscover the wonder and excitement of seeing skilled competitors with and without disabilities rising to the challenge of achieving difficult tasks. In addition, competitors are motivated to further improve their skills, as well as being offered opportunities to widen their viewpoints by meeting other highly skilled competitors from all over the world.

### **(3) Spreading the recognition of the value of skilled people and the importance of top-level skills**

The International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007 will lead to an increased recognition of how skilled people and top-level skills are important to build the firm foundation of a nation. By spreading and passing on this concept to many people around the world, especially to the younger generation, it will become a focus for the 21st century and take firm root in different areas of society.





## Official Name

### ***The International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007 (ISF2007)***

The 39th WorldSkills Competition, 7th International Abilympics and various other non-competition events will be held under the name of ISF2007.

## Schedule

- Grand Opening Ceremony of the ISF2007  
Date: November 14 (Wed.), 2007  
Venue: Granship (Shizuoka Convention & Arts Center)  
Shizuoka City.

- 39th WorldSkills Competition  
Event Period: November 7 (Wed.)  
— 21 (Wed.), 2007  
Competition Period: November 15 (Thu.)  
— 18 (Sun.), 2007  
Closing Ceremony: November 21 (Wed.), 2007  
Venue: Numazu City

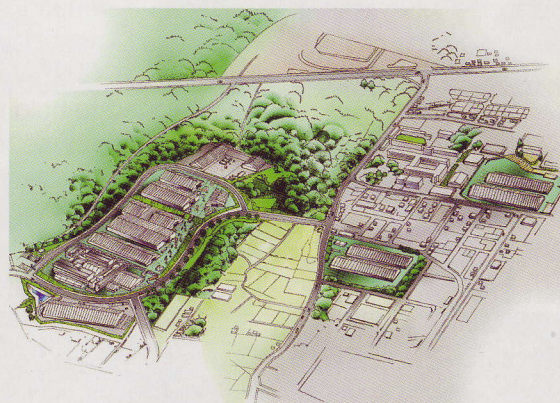
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Event Period: November 13 (Tue.)  
— 18 (Sun.), 2007  
Competition Period: November 15 (Thu.)  
— 17 (sat.), 2007  
Closing Ceremony: November 18 (Sun.), 2007  
Venue: Shizuoka City



Opening Ceremony Venue  
(Granship Shizuoka :Convention and Arts Center)



IA Competition site (Twin Messe Shizuoka)



WS Competition site (Kadoike, Numazu City)

## Organizers

Host:  
Japan Organizing Committee for the ISF2007 (JOCISF 2007)

Under the auspices of:  
Shizuoka Prefecture, Shizuoka City, Numazu City, WorldSkills International (WSI), International Abilympic Federation (IAF) and Rehabilitation International (RI)



## WorldSkills Competiton

### 1) Focusing on the value of skilled people and the importance of top-level skills

#### A short history of the WorldSkills Competition

##### An idea is born

In 1946 there was a great shortage of skilled workers in Spain. José Antonio Elola Olaso, Director-General of OJE (Spanish Youth Organization), saw that it was necessary to convince young people – as well as their parents, teachers and prospective employers – that their future depended on an effective vocational training system.

Mr. Olaso chose Francisco Albert-Vidal to develop a concept and his team came up with the idea of a competition as the best way of promoting vocational education. Young people would compete, educators could network and improve their methods, and visitors would be able to see a broad range of skills being demonstrated.

##### Great interest

Right from the start, state agencies, enterprises and religious vocational training schools were enthusiastic about the idea. This simple yet brilliant idea of watching people from different trades at their workstations proved a great success. In 1947 some 4,000 apprentices from a dozen mechanical trades took part in the first National Competition in Spain.

But the initiators wanted much more than that. They wanted to motivate youngsters to compete, attract them to vocational training and to compare the skills and abilities of people from different countries. The first step was an “Iberian” Competition with 12 young skilled workers from neighboring Portugal.

##### Europe joins in

Observers from numerous countries were invited to the Competition and their enthusiasm resulted in the 1953 competition taking place with young people from France, Germany, Morocco, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In June 1954, the first Organizing Council – with official and technical representatives from the participating countries – was established to draw up the rules for the Competitionscompetitions.

##### Going global

In 1958 the Competition was held outside Spain for the first time – in Brussels, which was hosting the World's Fair that year. Various European countries hosted the annual competition until 1970, when Japan became the first non-European host country, holding the Competition in Tokyo.

##### A global success

In the early 1980s, it was decided to hold the Competition every two years rather than each year.

In 1999, the Youth Skills Olympics was renamed the WorldSkills Competition and the international use of the WorldSkills name and logo by members Members was encouraged to promote branding and awareness. WorldSkills International currently has 46 member Member countries and r/regions and 52 over 45 skill categories.

For more information, please go to [www.worldskills.org](http://www.worldskills.org).





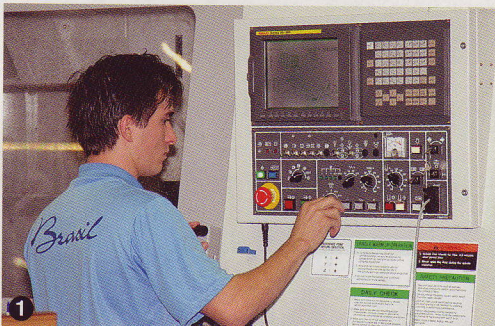
## 2) Member Organisation



## 3) The Venues of World Skills Competition



## 4) Skill Categories: as of 38th competition



- ① CNC Machining
- ② Autobody Repair
- ③ Ladies / Mens Hairdressing
- ④ Landscape Gardening
- ⑤ Cooking



## Member Organisations

as of May 2006

ISO	Country/Region	Joined	Organisation
PT	Portugal	1950	Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional IEFP
UK	United Kingdom	1953	UK Skills
CH	Switzerland	1953	Swiss Competence
DE	Germany	1953	Deutscher Handwerkskammertag
FR	France	1953	COFOM
IE	Ireland	1956	Department of Education and Science, National Skills Competition
LU	Luxembourg	1957	Centre National de Formation Professionnelle Continue CNFPC
AT	Austria	1958	WorldSkills Austria - Berufsweltmeisterschaften
JP	Japan	1961	JAVADA
NL	Netherlands	1962	Skills Netherlands
KR	Korea	1966	Human Resources Development Services
LI	Principality of Liechtenstein	1968	WorldSkills Liechtenstein
TW	Chinese Taipei	1970	EVTA
US	United States of America	1973	SkillsUSA
AU	Australia	1981	WorldSkills Australia
BR	Brazil	1981	SENAI
MO	Macau	1983	Department of Labour & Employment Affairs Head of Vocational Training Centre
NZ	New Zealand	1985	Youth Skills New Zealand
FI	Finland	1988	Skills Finland
CA	Canada	1990	Skills/Competences Canada
NO	Norway	1990	WorldSkills Norway
ZA	South Africa	1990	WorldSkills South Africa
MY	Malaysia	1992	Ministry of Works Malaysia, Corporate Management and Planning Division (BPPK)
SG	Singapore	1993	Institute of Technical Education
TH	Thailand	1993	Department of Skill Development
SE	Sweden	1994	Youth Skills Sweden AB
PH	Philippines	1994	TESDA
IT	South Tyrol, Italy	1995	Landesverband der Handwerker LVH
TN	Tunisia	1996	Agence Tunisienne de la Formation Professionnelle
AE	United Arab Emirates	1997	Emirates Skills
HK	Hong Kong	1997	Vocational Training Council
DK	Denmark	1998	DK Skills, Ciriis
BE	Belgium	1998	Skills Belgium
MA	Morocco	1998	Ministere de la Formation Professionnelle
IR	Iran	2000	Technical & Vocational Training Organization TVTO
SA	Saudi Arabia	2001	GOTEVOT
VE	Venezuela	2002	INCE
ID	Indonesia	2004	Ministry of National Education
JM	Jamaica	2004	Vocational Training Development Institute
BN	Brunei Darussalam	2004	Ministry of Education (Dept of Technical Education)
ES	Spain	2005	Ministry of Education and Science
EC	Ecuador	2006	Corporacion Tecnha *Associate Member
HR	Croatia	2006	CroatiaSkills
HU	Hungary	2006	NSZI (National Institute of Vocational Education)
MX	Mexico	2006	DGCFT (Direccion General de Centros de Formacion para el Trabajo)
VN	Vietnam	2006	Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs



## The Venues of WorldSkills Competition

Competitions, Year, Host Countries	No. of countries	No. of competitors	Competitions, Year, Host Countries	No. of countries	No. of competitors
1st 1950: Madrid, Spain	2	24	22nd 1975: Madrid, Spain	17	291
2nd 1951: Madrid, Spain	2	16	23rd 1977: Utrecht, Netherlands	16	267
3rd 1953: Madrid, Spain	6	65	24th 1978: Busan, Korea	14	239
4th 1955: Madrid, Spain	6	83	25th 1979: Cork, Ireland	14	276
5th 1956: Madrid, Spain	8	88	26th 1981: Atlanta, USA	14	266
6th 1957: Madrid, Spain	8	128	27th 1983: Linz, Austria	18	309
7th 1958: Brussels, Belgium	10	144	28th 1985: Osaka, Japan	18	307
8th 1959: Modena, Italy	9	180	29th 1988: Sydney, Australia	19	354
9th 1960: Barcelona, Spain	7	173	30th 1989: Birmingham, United Kingdom	21	382
10th 1961: Duisburg, Germany	11	193	31st 1991: Amsterdam, Netherlands	21	411
11th 1962: Gijón, Spain	10	199	32nd 1993: Taipei, Republic of China	25	434
12th 1963: Dublin, Ireland	12	227	33rd 1995: Lyon, France	28	474
13th 1964: Lisbon, Portugal	12	199	34th 1997: St. Gallen, Switzerland	30	549
14th 1965: Glasgow, United Kingdom	11	200	35th 1999: Montreal, Canada	33	625
15th 1966: Utrecht, Netherlands	11	212	36th 2001: Seoul, Korea	35	616
16th 1967: Madrid, Spain	11	218	37th 2003: St Gallen, Switzerland	37	585
17th 1968: Bern, Switzerland	14	246	38th 2005: Helsinki, Finland	37	660
18th 1969: Brussels, Belgium	15	260	39th 2007: Shizuoka, Japan		
19th 1970: Tokyo, Japan	15	274	40th 2009: Calagary, Canada		
20th 1971: Gijón, Spain	15	273	41st 2011: London, United Kingdom		
21st 1973: Munich, Germany	15	281			

## Skill Categories : as of 39th competition

Skill No.	Skill	Status	Skill No.	Skill	Status
1	Polymechanics-Automation	Official	27	Jewellery	Official
2	Telecommunication Distribution Technology	Official	28	Floristry	Official
3	Manufacturing Team Challenge	Official	29	Ladies / Mens Hairdressing	Official
4	Mechatronics	Official	30	Beauty Therapy	Official
5	Mech. Eng. CADD	Official	31	Ladies Dressmaking	Official
6	CNC Turning	Official	32	Confectioner / Pastry Cook	Official
7	CNC Milling	Official	33	Automobile Technology	Official
9	IT/ Software Applications	Official	34	Cooking	Official
10	Welding	Official	35	Restaurant Service	Official
11	Printing	Official	36	Car Painting	Official
12	Wall & Floor Tiling	Official	37	Landscape Gardening	Official
13	Autobody Repair	Official	38	Refrigeration	Official
14	Metal Roofing	Official	39	IT PC / Network Support	Official
15	Plumbing	Official	40	Graphic Design Technology	Official
16	Industrial Electronics	Official	D1	Caring	Demonstration
17	Web Design	Official	D2	Mobile Robotics	Demonstration
18	Electrical Installations	Official	D3	Mould making	Demonstration
19	Industrial Control	Official	D4	Bakery	Demonstration
20	Bricklaying	Official	HM1	Mechanical Device Control	Host Member Skill
21	Stonemasonry	Official	HM2	Construction Metal Works	Host Member Skill
22	Painting & Decorating	Official	HM3	Pattern Making	Host Member Skill
24	Cabinetmaking	Official	HM4	Plastering	Host Member Skill
25	Joinery	Official	HM5	Sheet Metal Technology	Host Member Skill
26	Carpentry	Official			



## International Abilympics

### ○ Aims

Through various programs, the IA2007 aims to:

- Raise awareness among the general public and employers regarding employment of persons with disabilities
- Facilitate participation of contestants with various disabilities
- Increase the number of participating countries and regions
- Secure fairness and transparency in each contest



### ○ History

The 1st IA was held in Tokyo in 1981 to commemorate the United Nations' International Year of Disabled Persons. It received the wide support of both governmental and non-governmental organizations. His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince (Present Emperor of Japan) served as Patron of the 1st IA.

Japan has held the vocational skills contests for persons with disabilities since 1972 with the aims of improving the vocational skills of people with disabilities in order to promote their participation in socio-economic activities. The title "Abilympics" was coined from the phrase "Olympics of Abilities." In the first National Abilympics in Japan, 133 contestants with disabilities competed in 15 vocational skills categories. Since then, the number of contestants and skills categories has been increased and in October 2006, about 350 contestants will compete in 28 vocational skills and 4 leisure & living skills categories.

The Abilympics have helped to overturn traditional views in regard to the skills, potentials and abilities of disabled persons, resulting in increased employment opportunities and vocational stability.

The experience and expertise of Japan's National Abilympics was utilized at the 1st IA. In addition to the skills contests, there were various demonstrations, exhibitions and international seminars were held, all of which contributed to raise public awareness on the subject of persons with disabilities, their vast potential and the contribution that they can make to the society. The success of the 1st IA inspired Colombia to hold the 2nd IA in 1985. During this 2nd IA, it was proposed to establish an international organization in order to promote the IA and to hold it on a regular basis. After many discussions held among people who had been involved in the IA, the International Abilympic Federation (IAF) was established during the 3rd IA held in Hong Kong. This was a big step forward in realizing the philosophy of the Abilympics.

Since then, the IA has been held in Perth, Australia (1995), Prague, Czech Republic (2000), and Delhi, India (2003). It has been and will continue to be held by a host organization that is chosen by the IAF Assembly, and co-hosted by the IAF and Rehabilitation International. The next IA to be held in Shizuoka, Japan will be the 7th event and In 2011, the 8th IA will be held in Seoul, Korea.



The IA is striving to win wide support from all over the world in its dream to realize a society where people with and without disabilities have equal rights and opportunities.

### ○ Opening Ceremony



3rd (Hong Kong)

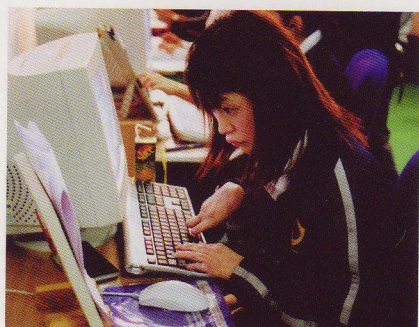


5th (Prague)



6th (New Delhi)

### ○ Skills Contest



### ○ Other Events



### ○ Award Ceremony





## ○ Member Organizations of IAF

Country/Region	Member Organization
Australia	Abilympics Australia Association, Inc.
Austria	Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Protibandhi Kallyan Somity
Negara Brunei Darussalam	Paraplegics and Physically Disabled Association (PAPDA)
China	China Disabled Persons' Federation
Republic of Congo	Union Nationale des Associations des Personnes Handicapees du Congo
Croatia	Croatia Skills
Czech Republic	Czech Abilympic Association
Ecuador	Corporacion Tecnha
Finland	Skills Finland
Ghana	Ghana Society for the Blind
Hong Kong	Joint Council for the Physically and Mentally Disabled - Hong Kong
Hungary	National Federation of Disabled Persons' Associations, Hungary (MEOSZ)
India	Rehabilitation Coordination India
	Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust
Indonesia	Indonesia Abilympic Committee
Iran	Ra'ad Rehabilitation Goodwill Complex (RRGC)
Iraq	Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled People
Japan	Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities
Kenya	Kenya Disabled Development Society
Korea	Korea Employment Promotion Agency for the Disabled (KEPAD)
Lebanon	National Rehabilitation & Development Center
Liberia	National Society for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (NASORED)
Malaysia	Malaysian Council for Rehabilitation
Pakistan	Association of Physically Disabled People (APDP)
Philippines	Abilympics Philippines, Inc., National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)
	University of Perpetual Help System Laguna
Poland	Polish Association of Disabled Sailors
Singapore	Bizlink Center Singapore Ltd.
Slovakia	Union of the Physically Disabled Youth (ZTPM)
Slovenia	Zveza Drustev Sožitje (Slovene Abilympic Committee)
Sri Lanka	Physically Handicapped Technicians' Association - Sri Lanka
	National Council for Persons with Disabilities(NCPD), Sri Lanka
Chinese Taipei	International Abilympic Federation, Chinese Taipei
	Association of Ability Creation, Chinese Taipei
Thailand	Department of Skill Development
	Goodwill Industries of Thailand, National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand
	Association of the Physically Handicapped of Thailand
	Foundation for the Welfare of the Mentally Retarded of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty
	Medical Technology Subdivision, Provincial Hospital Division (Ministry of Public Health)
	Bureau of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities
UAE	Emirates Skills
Ukraine	Kiev City Organization for the Disabled
U.S.A.	Very Special Arts of Arizona
	Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Inc.
	Arts for All
Zimbabwe	The Danhiko Project
	Jairos Jiri Association for Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Blind



## ○ Venue

1st (1981)	Tokyo	Japan
2nd (1985)	Bogota	Colombia
3rd (1991)	Hong Kong	
4th (1995)	Perth	Australia
5th (2000)	Prague	Czech Republic
6th (2003)	New Delhi	India
7th (2007)	Shizuoka	Japan

## ○ Number of Contestants

		1st (1981)	2nd (1985)	3rd (1991)	4th (1995)	5th (2000)	6th (2003)
		Tokyo, Japan	Bogota, Colombia	HongKong	Perth, Australia	Prague, Czech Republic	NewDelhi, India
Total Number of Contestants		304	281	497	412	375	409
Vocational Skills Contest	Skills Categories	17	12	34	32	27	25
	Participating Countries/Regions	49	47	32	23	21	23
	Contestants	304	281	307	335	316	355
Leisure and LivingSkills Contest	Skills Categories			5	5	8	8
	Participating Countries/Regions			19	13	14	19
	Contestants			182	77	59	69

※ A contestant who participated in plural skills categories are multiply-counted in each category.

## ○ Prize-winning Countries/regions in IA2003 (Indian)

VocationalSkillsContest	Number of Countries/Regions	Number of Contestants	Prize-winning Countries/Regions			
			Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Special Prize
Cane Technology	7	9	Korea	Czech Republic	China & Chinese Taipei	
PC Assembly	12	18	Korea	Korea	Chinese Taipei	
Computer Programming	8	11	Thailand	Chinese Taipei	Korea	
Creating WWW Pages	12	16	India	Chinese Taipei	China & Philippines	
English Text Processing	15	22	Korea	Japan	India	
CAD-Engineering Drawing	10	12	Thailand	Japan & Chinese Taipei	Austria	
English Desktop Publishing	10	12	Korea & Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong & India	India	
Ceramics	9	12	Korea	Thailand	India & Chinese Taipei	
Tailoring-Men's	10	14	China	China	India	
Dress Making-Women's	13	19	Chinese Taipei	China	Thailand	
Silk Hand Painting	11	15	Austria	China	Malaysia	
Tie & Dye	6	10	Korea	India	India & Slovakia	
Block Printing on Fabric	5	6	Korea	India	India	
Jewellery Making	8	10	Korea	China	Hong Kong	Pakistan
Electronic Assembly & Testing	12	15	Thailand	China	India	
Poster Designing	10	13	India	Korea	India & Chinese Taipei	
Photography-Studio Portraits	10	15	Hong Kong	Austria	India & Korea	
Photography-Contest Coverage	13	22	Korea	Iran	Philippines	
Cabinet Making	13	18	Chinese Taipei	Korea	Japan	
Wood Carving	12	16	Korea	Korea	Chinese Taipei	
Cake Decoration	6	9	Korea	Chinese Taipei	Czech Republic	
Floral Arrangement-Ikebana	6	9	Korea	India	Singapore	
Floral Arrangement-WesternStyle	6	8	Korea	Philippines	India	
Painting-Water Colours on Paper	17	25	Philippines	Korea	Bangladesh	
Painting-Oil on Canvas	11	19	Philippines	Singapore	India & Philippines	
Total	252	355				
Leisure and Living Skills Contest	Number of Countries/Regions	Number of Contestants	Prize-winning Countries/Regions			
			Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Special Prize
Crocket Work	7	9	China	Thailand	Slovakia	
Hand Knitting	6	7	China	Slovakia	Thailand	
Macrame (Knotting)	4	8	China	Czech Republic	China	
Chess	7	10	India	Malaysia	Indonesia	
Embroidery	9	14	China	India	Bangladesh & Slovakia	
Batik	5	8	India	India	India	
Waste Reuse	7	13	Thailand	Philippines	India	
Total	45	69				

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