

Skill-UK

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Dear Gary

The Chairman and members of Skill-UK would like to congratulate you on your success in being selected to represent the United Kingdom in the International Youth Skill Olympics to be held in Sydney, Australia, 11-28 February 1988. This is a very commendable achievement for which you will be presented with a certificate of participation at an appropriate occasion.

For those of you who were not able to be present at the Skill-UK Competitors' Activities Week-end, I enclose our Report on the last Youth Skill Olympics which was held in Osaka, Japan in October 1985.

I would now like to mention a few other matters for your interest and action:

REGISTRATION

It will be necessary for me to register each competitor with the International Secretariat in Switzerland giving brief personal details. For this purpose I enclose an INFORMATION SHEET which you are required to complete and return to me IMMEDIATELY. This sheet should have attached FOUR PASSPORT TYPE photographs (approx. size 2" x 1½"). A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your prompt reply.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

To visit Australia you will need a full passport (A British Visitor's passport valid for one year is NOT permissible.) A passport application form can be obtained from any Crown Post Office. If you already possess a full passport, do make sure that it will still be valid at the date of your return to UK after the Competition. Application for a passport should be made in plenty of time as there is sometimes a delay at the Passport Office.

To enter Australia you must have a VISA. I enclose an application form for this which, when completed, should be sent to one of the addresses shown on the front cover. When answering question 13 on the



application form, you should tick the last 'box' on the list - 'other reasons specify'. You should put the reason as -

"I am a member of the UK Team of Competitors taking part in the 29th International Youth Skill Olympics' in Sydney, Australia, 13-25 February 1988 - see attached letter."

We understand from the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Australia, that they need a letter from us as proof of your being invited to attend the 29th International Youth Olympics) - this is attached.

In order to complete the visa application form, you will see that your Passport Number is required, so you must make application for this at the earliest opportunity.

FLIGHT DETAILS

Outward: 11 February Flight No. BA011 London/Sydney
Depart: 1200 hours Arrive 2050 hours (12 February)

Return: 27 February Flight No. BA012 Sydney/London
Depart: 1615 hours Arrive 0555 hours (28 February)

You will note that we arrive back in London on 28 February 1987 which is a Sunday. Those travelling to and from Heathrow by public transport will need to check on Sunday timetables.

ACCOMMODATION

While you are in Australia, all competitors will be staying at:

Sydney University, Sydney, NSW.

TOOLS

At a later date I shall require a list of tools you propose to take to Australia and their weight. These will be transported by air from various pick-up points. Further information will be given on this item.

BRIEFING WEEK-END

Those who were at the Activities Week-end will know that there is to be a Briefing Weekend at the Bircham Newton Training Centre, CITB, King's Lynn, Norfolk on 20-22 November 1987. This will give you the opportunity to meet all who are going to Australia, including your particular Expert. Further details will be forwarded regarding this shortly, but I would stress that it is very important you do your utmost to be present on this occasion.

UNIFORM

Those of you who have not been measured for your uniform will be contacted at a later date.

COSTS

Our Organisation undertakes to pay full costs of travel and accommodation including a number of interesting excursions throughout

the period. Spending money for personal requirements will be your responsibility.

This is a long letter and I don't want you to be worried about all the information it contains. The important things are to apply for your passport urgently and then your visa application, not forgetting to enclose your formal invitation from us to attend the 29th International Youth Skill Olympics.

I will be keeping in touch with you regarding further developments, but, in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me at the above address if you are worried about anything.

Yours sincerely



W W Norris
Director