

**Reception for  
Competitors  
and Team Leaders**

**October 20 (Sun) 1985**

**7:00~9:00p.m.**

**Hotel Osaka Garden Palace  
"Fuyo-no-ma"**

**Sponsored by**

**Osaka Prefectural Government**

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**Hirakata Municipal Government**

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## PROGRAM

- 7:00 p.m. Opening  
Introduction of sponsors and  
guests  
Opening address  
(Governor of Osaka Prefecture,  
Sakae Kishi)  
Presentation of moments  
Address of thanks for reception
- 7:40 p.m. Toast  
(Mayor of Osaka City, Yasushi  
Oshima)
- 8:00 p.m. Koto and Shakuhachi Perform-  
ances  
(by the group "Hibiki")  
"Senbon mochi-tsuki"  
(rice cake-making show)  
(by the Traditional Mizuma  
Senbon-tsuki Event Preservation  
Society)  
Koto and Shakuhachi Perform-  
ances  
(by the group "Hibiki")
- 9:00 p.m. Closing

### Kazuhisa Otake and His Group "Hibiki"

Kazuhisa Otake, president of Otake Koto Academy (the Ikuta school), is actively engaged in leading the group "Hibiki", which performs not only Japanese classical and contemporary music but foreign arrangements as well, primarily on the "Koto", a traditional Japanese string instrument.

- 1st program      ◆ Sakura Sakura  
                     ◆ Rokudan
- 2nd program     ◆ Yesterday (by the  
                         Beatles)  
                     ◆ El Cumbanchero  
                         (Latin music)

### Mizuma Senbon mochi-tsuki

Pounding steamed rice into rice cake is a happy annual event in Japan. At this temple in the south of the prefecture, the rice pounding is held ceremonially every new year. Mochi, the pounded ricecake is served to visitor as an amulet against evils.

Opening Address

Sakae Kishi  
Governor of Osaka Prefecture

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

First and foremost I would like to extend my hearty welcome to you, who have come to Osaka from your homes around the world.

This year being International Youth Year, it is a particularly great honor for me to welcome so many distinguished competitors and team leaders from around the world to Osaka, chosen as the venue for the International Vocational Training Competitions, a global festival of skilled youth.

I deeply appreciate and am greatly pleased with your participation in this welcoming party here today, hosted by Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, Hirakata City and Settsu City.

You made a tour of Osaka this afternoon; I hope that all of your first impressions of our city were wonderful ones.

As do Kyoto and Nara, Osaka boasts a long history, one in which the city's enterprising and creative spirit has fired its continual expansion as an economic center of Japan, while nurturing a unique culture. Currently we are actively endeavoring to shape Osaka into an international city for the 21st century by, for example, constructing a new international airport, open to the world, 24 hours a day. Although your stay in Osaka this time is a short one,

I earnestly hope that you will acquaint yourselves with the unique vitality and traditional culture of our city.

This evening is the first opportunity for competitors from various countries to get together for friendly exchange; please enjoy pleasant talks and affirm your new friendships, as called for by International Youth Year. Enhancement of international friendships through skills, I believe, is of particular significance as an objective of these International Vocational Training Competitions, being held during International Youth Year. This evening's program includes a variety of events, such as performances of Japanese music and staging of a Japanese traditional New Year activity; please relax and conserve your energy for tomorrow. May all those competing demonstrate their talents to the full in competition.

I'm afraid competitor supervision may pose numerous difficulties, but it would be highly appreciated if you team leaders could extend to us your generous cooperation in thus helping ensure the success of the 28th Competitions.

In closing, I would again like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the International Organization and the Japan Organizing Committee for the International Vocational Training Competitions, and of course to our honorable guests, for coming to share this evening with us.

Thank you.