

XIV  
INTERNATIONAL  
APPRENTICE  
COMPETITION

GLASGOW

19th - 29th JULY 1965



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Preparations are now well advanced for holding the 1965 International Apprentice Competition in Glasgow in July. As this is the first occasion on which this Competition has ever been held in the United Kingdom, it will be a timely opportunity for this country to see how its standards of Industrial Training compare with those of the apprentices who will come from many other countries, including Western Europe and Japan.

This is an important international competition, and I hope that the United Kingdom team will justify the hopes of its sponsors but this will not prevent those who are organising it (the City and Guilds of London Institute and its partners in Scotland) from ensuring that the young people from all the other participating countries enjoy their stay in Scotland, and take back a favourable impression of our way of life and our standards of training. I am certain that British industry will wish to support this Competition to the fullest possible extent.

January, 1965.

*H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., has graciously accepted the invitation to become Patron of the 1965 Competition and has sent the foregoing message.*

With the increased emphasis which is being placed on industrial training, and the activity this year throughout the country to implement the Industrial Training Act, it is appropriate that the fourteenth International Apprentice Competition will take place here. This will be the first year in which the United Kingdom has acted as host country.

Approximately 240 apprentices from many Western European countries and Japan will be competing in practical tests in 25 different trades at Glasgow between July 19th and 29th. Glasgow was chosen after careful discussions with the Ministries and Local Authority Associations concerned, because of the availability of suitable technical accommodation for the tests and of hotel and hostel accommodation for the competitors.

The tests, which are mainly in Engineering and Building, are selected, supervised and judged by International Juries responsible to the International Council, of which all participating countries are members. The machine tools and other equipment used for the tests, which are to metric standards, will largely be supplied by British manufacturers, who have shown considerable generosity in making them available.

The competitors will be staying in the hostels of Glasgow University and will be performing tests in three Glasgow technical colleges—Stow College of Engineering, the College of Building and Barmulloch College of Further Education—which have been made available for the Competition by Glasgow Corporation.

After the completion of the tests and during the assessment, the competitors and visiting officials will be taken on visits designed to show them something of British industry and some of the beauties of the country.

The City and Guilds of London Institute is responsible each year for the selection and participation of the British team. In 1965 the Institute is also responsible for organising the Competition in Glasgow and has established a United Kingdom Committee, the chairman of which is Mr. D. E. Woodbine Parish, C.B.E. A Scottish Advisory Committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Strathclyde, has undertaken those arrangements which are of particular concern to Scotland.

Recognising that there is a national responsibility to provide facilities which are comparable with those provided by Spain, Belgium, Italy, West Germany, Ireland and Portugal in previous years, H.M. Government, through the Ministry of Labour, has offered a substantial grant towards the cost of the arrangements. There will also be a Government Reception in Edinburgh Castle for 600 guests, including the competitors and all those concerned with the Competition.

While the preparations are being made, the final tests to select the British team to compete at Glasgow will also be completed. From approximately 1,100 nominations by employers, the best (one in each trade) will be selected by means of carefully assessed practical tests; those chosen will hope to surpass the achievement of the British team in Lisbon in 1964 which won eight Gold, five Silver and two Bronze Medals in a wide range of trades.

The aims of the Competition are to encourage training, to raise the levels of skill and craftsmanship in the participating countries, and to promote understanding and friendship among those taking part.

It is also to be hoped that this event will provide an opportunity to show representatives from the other countries examples of the best British standards.



*The following countries are expected to take part:*

AUSTRIA

BELGIUM

DENMARK

HOLLAND

IRISH REPUBLIC

ITALY

JAPAN

LUXEMBOURG

PORTUGAL

SPAIN

SWITZERLAND

UNITED KINGDOM

WEST GERMANY

*The trades included are:*

BRICKWORK

CABINET MAKING

CARPENTRY

CONSTRUCTIONAL STEELWORK

ELECTRIC WELDING

ENGINEERING DRAWING

FITTING

FOUNDRY MOULDING

GAS WELDING

HOUSE WIRING

INDUSTRIAL WIRING

JEWELLERY

JOINERY

MILLING

PAINTING AND DECORATING

PANEL BEATING

PLASTERWORK

PLUMBING

PRESS TOOL MAKING

RADIO AND TELEVISION REPAIR

SHEET METAL WORK

SILVERSMITHING

STONE CUTTING

TURNING

WOOD PATTERNMAKING

*Further details of the Competition are available from :*

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