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**Address by Miss Park Keun Hae,
the Eldest Daughter of the President, at
the Opening Ceremony of the 24th
International Youth Skill Olympics**

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Ladies and Gentlemen!

I am proud and delighted that we hold the 24th International Youth Skill Olympics in this port city of Pusan.

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest welcome to Chairman Gamazo and other officers of the International Committee, and to all the participants from the countries of the American Continents, Europe and Asia.

Our hearty welcome goes also to the distinguished observers from various countries in the Middle East and Southeast Asia as well as to those from Japan and China.

I believe that the International Youth Skill

Olympics is an arena where the world's family of artisans gather to display the skills and techniques they have refined arduously, to facilitate the interchange of skills and to promote mutual understanding.

This is also an occasion through which the participating nations can appreciate how their upcoming generation will be able to build the future of the world with diligence, sincerity, capability, optimism and hopes.

The human community accelerates development through a bona fide competition, in the process of which creation gives birth to new creation. This is how the brilliant scientific civilization of our day has been built up.

The progress of scientific civilization is turning the whole world into one community where nations are ever closely interrelated.

In order that modern conveniences may be directly linked to the genuine welfare of mankind, we must promote further mutual understanding and cooperation, conscious of a need for co-existence.

In this context, nothing can be more desirable than that the young artisans of the world have a lot of opportunities to exchange skills and to promote friendship, set their targets in global perspective and devote themselves to the improvement of their own skills.

It is my conviction that a person with a

firm grasp of his objectives and a deep pride in what he does as an artisan will be found himself growing admirably not only in skill but in personality.

Economic development is so ardently pursued by every nation and it depends heavily on able artisans and their refined skills; the more skilled artisans a society has, the healthier and brighter it will become.

Therefore, I would say with confidence that the significance of this international event cannot be overemphasized, in that its objectives are indeed far-sighted and that it will serve to advance young artisans' skills and to enhance their pride, and furthermore contribute to the progress of industry through

exchange of skills.

Korea has been known as "the Land of Morning Calm" for a long time. Now it shows another aspect, while keeping its lyrical nature intact; we hear the throb of dynamic progress across the nation.

We in Korea are well aware that the progress has been made possible by the hard work of artisans.

On this occasion of the Twenty-fourth International Youth Skill Olympics, I wish to express my hope that young artisans of the world will participate ever more in this bona fide competition of skill and wisdom, thereby contributing to enhancing their respective

national prestige, and further to the prosperity of the entire mankind.

I also hope that the drops of sweat you shed in this competition will help make the world brighter and that this event will provide the participants with a valuable opportunity to learn advanced skills of other countries.

Dear foreign and Korean participants and distinguished guests!

I wish all of you pleasant time and every success throughout this event.

Finally, I wish to extend high commendation to Mr. Nak-sun Lee, Chairman of the Korean Committee and other foreign and

Korean officers for what they have done in arranging for this grand event.

Thank you.

Park Keun Hae