Review on the 19th International Skill Olympics in 1970

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I participated in the 19th International Skill Olympics at the age of 19.

Now, I am 47 years old and 28 years past.

It was the first time for Japan to host the International Skill Olympics and consequently so exiting and so ensusiastic.

I was very honoured to be a flag-bearer at the opening ceremony.

I worked for two days competition. I tried to justify the confidence my firm would have placed in me.

I recall that I hardly understood from my experience the coffee break given in the morning and in the afternoon during the competition.

It never forget that our Highness Crown Prince asked me to see if the works had been brazed or weldered.

My gold medal owed to my trainers and fellows.

I am now working for canning and assembly at the Turbine Plant, with the skill aquired through the trianing for the skill competition and with the confidence of the gold medal.