

Let's meet in Japan (shizuoka), November 2007!

Japan hosted the WorldSkills Competition twice in the past-the 19th Competition in 1970 and the 28th Competition in 1985. In November 2007, young competitors from around the world will again meet in Japan to participate in the 39th WorldSkills Competition. Making optimal use of our experiences from the past, solid preparations are well under way, to ensure a highly successful competition, which will introduce to the world the excellence and importance of skills and contribute greatly to the advancement of such skills across the globe.

In addition, for the first time, the International Abilympics-the international competition for people with disabilities—will be held together with the Worldskills Competition, with contests in vocational skills and leisure and living skills. This will bring great strides forward for people with disabilities to enjoy participating in more areas of society.

For Shizuoka, we are preparing a simple but high-quality competition, based, as always, on warmth and hospitality.

19th WorldSkills Competition (1970) in Tokyo, Japan Number of trades: 30

Participating nations: 15 Competitors: 274



28th WorldSkills Competition (1985) in Osaka, Japan Number of trades: 34

Participating nations: 18 Competitors: 307

39th WorldSkills Competition (2007) in Shizuoka, Japan



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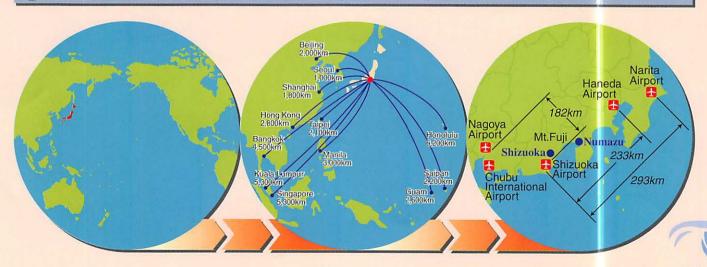




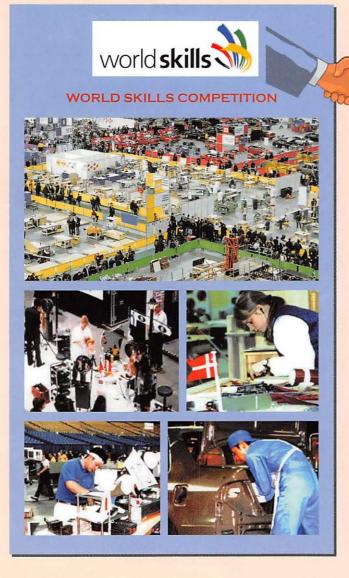
Planned Venue: Kadoike, Numazu City, Shizuoka

JAPAN, Where?

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Jointly Organised Events In Japan 2007





INTERNATIONAL ABILYMPICS











Sketch of the Abilympics

To commemorate the year 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP), the 1st International Abilympics was held in Tokyo, Japan that year. The aims were to encourage people with disabilities to become vocationally independent, to provide businesses and society with a deeper understanding, and to promote international friendship. Since then, the competition has been held about every four years.

The 6th International Abilympics is scheduled to take place in November 2003 in New Delhi, India and the 7th in 2007 in Shizuoka, Japan, the country where the International Abilympics originated.

Introducing Shizuoka Prefecture

Shizuoka Prefecture is located in central Japan, facing the Pacific Ocean, with Mt. Fuji — the highest mountain in Japan — to the north, and Suruga Bay — the deepest bay in Japan — to the south.

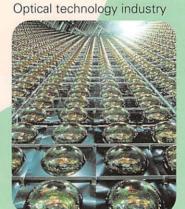
The people of Shizuoka are true admirers of the diverse skills that are key to the success of their industries. The WorldSkills Competition and the International Abilympics in 2007 will be an opportunity to enhance efforts toward further development of human resources.

The venue, Numazu City, has a warm climate, and its location is easily accessible. Its industries, including tourism, agriculture, fishery, commerce, and the machine industries (electric machinery and machine tools) are quite dynamic. A large number of experimental and research institutes are located there, too. Many citizens and companies are looking forward to making the WorldSkills Competition a tremendous success. Let's have a successful competition where all kinds of skills come together in Shizuoka in 2007!



Automobiles

Plastic model





Musical instruments



Electric machinery









Granship: Opening Ceremony hall



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