

Closing Ceremony

The 19th International Vocational Competition

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Closing ceremony of
19th International Vocational Training Competition

Date: 2:00 p.m. 19th , November 1970

Place: Nihon Budo-kan

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Mr. H. J. H. Hamer
Chairman of Technical Committee

As Chairman of the Technical Committee and as representative of a small country, the Netherlands, it is a great honour for me to say a few words.

Words of gratitude towards the excellent Japanese organizers and at the same time our friends. Japanese industrialization and perfection is nowadays known all over the world. Modern techniques play an important role and not only in Japan.

However let us never forget that the technical progress in our world cannot do without friendship and understanding.

Man is not a machine and will never be one. Technical developments and progress ought to be an auxiliary -and no more- to a prosperous and happy life in this world.

Human happiness comes from the inside and not in the first place from external circumstances.

To my idea this is also a little background philosophy of our International Competitions.

After these few thoughts I gladly report to you in my capacity as chairman of the Technical Committee about the more than excellent technical provisions, and preparations. To my knowledge we have hardly had before such first class machinery and equipment. Also the materials were of an excellent quality and in not one workshop there has been any serious problem.

This excellent preparations of course have influenced the quality of the work of all competitors and has given an atmosphere of rest and easy going in the various workshops.

As to the standard of the testpieces and their execution by the competitors I am glad to be able to say that again a considerable step forward has been made. This improvement is of the utmost importance for the future development of the competitions. Of course wishes remain.

We may have our critics in some respects but in general we can be satisfied and thus congratulate the Japanese Committee.

A large number of Japanese technical people have had their share in the preparation. On behalf of all the technical representatives and experts from the member countries I thank from the bottom of our hearts all the workshop masters and their assistants. They have fulfilled a difficult task in a very correct way and with an attitude beyond any critic.

In my words of gratitude I want to mention the vast cooperation of many firms, companies, and organizations, which have taken care of putting at our disposal the best machinery, equipment and materials possibly available in Japan.

I realize that it is impossible to mention names. When you allow me to make one exception for Mr. Miyamori the technical representative of Japan in the International Council, then I make this exception because we see Mr. Miyamori as the inspiring man, representing all the capable technical people of the Japanese organization.

The president of the International Council Mr. Baldomero Palomares has already expressed his gratitude for the visit of Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko. May I just add, that we all were extremely impressed by their interest in technical matters as well, and the long time spend on the two visits. These visits have been very encouraging for

all those involved in the competitions.

All good things come to an end and so our stay in Japan.

To all of us it has been an inforgetable experience, and you just showed us so much of your beautiful country that we all desire to come back. And not only for the competitions.

Arigato-gozai-mashita.

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Mr. Ken'ichiro Komai,
Chairman of the Japan
Organising Committee for
the International Vocational
Competition

Time is fleeting, and the time has come we must say farewell to you. It is sincerely appreciated that the 19th Skill Olympic International Convention is to be successfully closed by an immense cooperation from Sr. Baldomero Palomares Diaz, Salvde of President, International Committee, people working at the headquarters, and friends of member countries.

We who have been directly responsible for the 19th convention and officers concerned of the Labor Ministry of Japan, who are in the position to give guidance and assistance to our activities, have cooperated to bring this convention to a success. Notwithstanding our endeavors, we are afraid that we could not adequately meet many of your requirements. It is solely through your friendship and cooperation that the whole schedule of this convention has been successfully completed. I wish to thank all of you.

In participating in skill competitions of this convention, every and all champions from all participating countries exhibited their highest skills, and contributed in raising the international level of skills. They also had opportunities to deepen mutual understanding on the international scale. I offer my hearty congratulations to you. In the above meaning, this convention was surely a success.

This movement will achieve further growth, and I hope it will render greater contribution to the development of industries of the world. Here in Japan, we will more and more endeavor to cooperate in this movement and we are determined to become one of the best members of this movement.

After you have returned home, please remember Japan and maintain warm friendship with us. Taking the opportunity of this convention, let all of us in member countries better cooperate in creating the ideal future.

Good-bye. Good luck.

I wish all of you a happy voyage or flight to your country.

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Dr. B. Palomares,
President of the International
Organising Council

On this solemn occasion of the closing of The XIX International Apprentice Competition, and as International President I would like in my own name and representing the big family on the International Competitions express publicly three feelings: First a feeling of gratitude; second a feeling of congratulation and third a feeling of irrevocable faith in the world's youth.

The first of the three: gratitude, I would like to express it first to Their Imperial Highness, Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko of Japan who have given so many proofs of their kindness, interest and affection towards this activity of the youth of the world. Many thanks therefore in the name of the International Competitions, and may I express in the name of this group of men of two continents our respect and our indebtedness.

Secondly I would also like to express in gratitude to the Japanese Government who through its Minister of Labor has accompanied us constantly during these days. I also want to express publicly our gratitude for his continuous and numerous attentions. To the Governors of Tokyo and Chiba and to the Major of this last city, that have been kind enough to receive us using the well-known Japanese courtesy and hospitality. And specifically, to the Major of Chiba for having offered us in his great city its magnificent installations that have made us feel at home, but for having also supplied all the technical needs needed.

To the information media; press, radio and T.V., who through intelligent questions, articles, broadcasts and TV programs have conveyed to

the public the events, its happy moments, its efforts, its work and the objectives of our activity.

And finally, allow us to carry from now on, and very near our heart, the whole of Japan, represented in that flag with the Rising Sun on it. We dare say, that, if not Japanese by birth, we are Japanese in feelings, because from the first to the last of us who came here a few days ago, we all carry Japan in our heart. Thank you. Our deepest gratitude to this great country of the East.

I said that the second feeling was of congratulation and firstly I want to congratulate the Japanese Committee in the person of its President Mr. Komai who honours us with his presence. And his collaborators Messrs. Hayakawa, Furuya, Miyamori, Tanaka and all those friends of the Japanese Committee who have been working unanimously during so many months. Robbing minutes and taking no rest solving obstacles, to be able to offer us a Competition organization that is one of the best that we have witnessed in our life: They have been present in all our problems, with that candiness of the Japanese people, but with that efficiency that they also possess. With their deep knowledge of the work technique, but with a courtesy born of an education and spirituality that constitute the best values of the people of this country.

And congratulations to you, young participants in this International Competition. To you the winners, to you that have not won, to all, absolutely all, to those that have been at the machines trying to do their best, interpreting exactly the spirit of our Competition in which medals come in second place, because the first thing is the promotion of a feeling of solidarity between the world youth and the sense of the job well done. To you my congratulations.

A gold medal is only the recognition of a technical quality, but your presence in Tokyo and your work, is the recognition of your human

quality. And in this my dear friends of all countries you are all champions, big champions. And likewise to the Official Representatives, to the Technical Committee, who have collaborated in this great activity taking no rest, creating the big success that this Competition has been. To all without distinctions my congratulations except mainly Mr. Hamer, President of the Technical Committee who has poured into this Competition all his love and affection and all his knowledge of the problems inherent to the Competition. My special congratulations to him.

To all, to the Experts, to all those that have made possible our trips to Chiba, to the interpreters, to all who have made possible the interchange of ideas and communication between participants, to typists, staff to all, I repeat, to those who have made possible our understanding and made possible that we reach happily this solemn moment of the closing act my congratulations.

And naturally, of course, to the experts in simultaneous translation who with an unsurpassed precision have made ease the interchange of ideas between men of different origins and languages. To all, without exceptions and with feelings born from the bottom of my heart, many many thanks in the name of the International Competitions.

And finally the third feeling is the unbreakable faith in the youth that participates in the International Apprentice Competition. Faith in its authenticity, faith in its inborn virtues, faith in the belief that they have to incorporate themselves as urgently as possible to the professional tasks. To those tasks that shall accelerate the economic development of countries and in doing this incorporation do it with a high sense of spirituality. It is evident that economic development produces the welfare of people, but it is also true that full happiness can only be obtained through peace and spiritual calm.

I would like to point out on occasion of this XIX International Competition in unflinching faith in the future of these Competitions and may

the world, that is in our emblem, cover all our Competition, and the torch over the toothed wheel burn strongly and throw more light on our daily work. And do it in such a way that from Japan this flame acts as a rally signal calling all countries without distinction to participate but knowing always that they have to work in favor of the world youth, promoting the interchange of methods of vocational training and endeavoring by all possible means the thought that work is to be considered as one of the most important merits of men.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to all of you, and not having words to express my deep gratitude and admiration towards this great nation of Japan, towards the people of Japan; I in this country of roses, in this country of flowers, in this country of such a great artistic sensitiveness in poetry, music and culture, would like to tell you in ending a small poetry of my own country. It says: Woman, give him an alm because there is nothing so sad in the world as to be blind in Japan.

Dear friends, in the moment that this XIX Competition is declared closed I tell you from the bottom of my heart. Arigato. Sayonara.

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Mr. Masakatsu Nohara,
Labour Minister of Japan

It is my great pleasure to extend my congratulations on this closing ceremony of the XIX International Vocational Training Competition.

Called the "Festival of Young Skilled Laborers," this Competition, I can say with justification, was a great success, because the Competition, first of all, was held for the first time in Asia, and, in addition, it was participated in by more than 280 skilled contestants from 16 countries in Europe, America and Asia and, more important, a number of gratifying results were scored in the contest. Now I can say with satisfaction that this 19th Competition was really an outstanding event in the history of I.V.T.C.

Now that the 19th Competition is being closed, I would like particularly to pay a tribute of respect to all the contestants who displayed their long-trained vocational skill to the full, and to congratulate them on their successful achievements and on their winning prizes in the contest.

Originally, the aim of I.V.T.C. is to elevate the levels of vocational skill in all countries and to exchange ways and means of promoting vocational training, thereby cementing the ties of friendship between young skilled laborers. It is my firm belief in this respect that this Competition has fulfilled this aim most satisfactorily, thus greatly contributing toward insuring the peace and the prosperity of the world.

It is my sincere hope that all the contestants and I.V.T.C. officials will make consistent efforts, on the basis of the results achieved at this

Competition, to help promote vocational training by hastening mutual exchanges of vocational skill, and to deepen further the friendship that budded out among them at this Competition.

In conclusion, allow me once again to pay a tribute of respect to all personnel of the I.V.T.C. Headquarters, all the participating contestants and officials, all members of the Japan Organizing Committee on Vocational Training Competition, and other parties concerned for their noble devotion to the smooth management of the XIX I.V.T.C.

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Mr. Shigeo Nagano,
President
Japan Chamber of Commerce and
Industry

On this occasion of the closing ceremony of 19th International Vocational Training Competition, I would like to make a congratulatory address as a representative of all the parties concerned.

It was our great honor to have the competition in Japan, for the first time in Asia, with all the young workers from all over the world.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our friendship and mutual understanding.

In this competition, all the competitors have shown excellent ability to represent their countries and at the same time, they have shown the high standard of young workers.

Along with science and technology, technique is the basic key for the betterment of human life.

It is very meaningful to devote one's life to productive technique for creating new value.

It is my great pleasure to see that these boys and girls are engaged in production for future development and welfare.

We would like to continue our friendship and co-operation through this competition for the development of our future.

I would like to thank president Palomares and all the people for