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Dear Archie

Following the Board meeting and our discussion of the official report I would now like to thank you for all that you have done for our team in preparation for Taiwan and the magnificent way that you looked after it during the Skill Olympics. I know that you have, as ever, employed a great deal of thought, time and effort to ensure its success.

I thought it was a smashing team, a view which is confirmed by many, some of whom have related some interesting and amusing stories, and by your own comments. It and the team leaders were also held in high regard internationally, something that does not happen by accident. You command the respect of your colleagues and the team by your dedicated approach to the job and to the needs of every competitor.

Thank you also for the help and advice provided to UK Skills. I can assure you that your experience and your ability to provide the essential link with the team is much appreciated and valued. Your involvement at the final selection stage is also I believe vital and this is something that I hope you will be able to continue to develop.

I have seen your joint report and am most grateful for your considered and candid comments. You can be sure that they have been noted and will be very helpful in preparing for Lyon.

We understand that the Employment Department may still arrange a reception for the team. I am aware that it is already two months since you returned from Taiwan and that, if something is to happen, it must be soon and the team must have notice. We will obviously keep you informed about this one.

I hope that you have been able to have some form of break to compensate for the rigours of Taipei and Bangkok. My most sincere thanks once more.

Very best wishes!

Yours sincerely

John Cassels

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