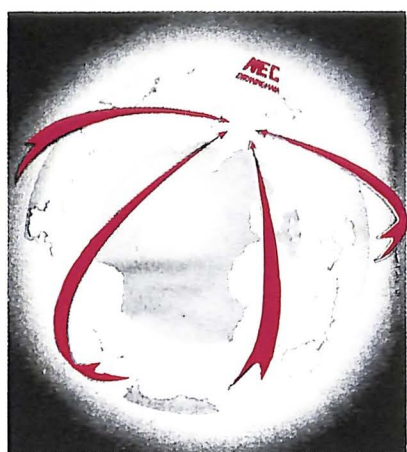


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30th INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SKILL OLYMPICS

SKILL OLYMPICS SUCCESS IN HEARTLAND OF INDUSTRY

THE UNITED KINGDOM, home to the world with its many ethnic groups, has been host to the greater part of the industrialised world in staging the '89 Skill Olympics at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, in the heartland of British industry.

Today sees the culmination of the 30th International Youth Skill Olympics – test of 35 industrial and commercial skills for 400 young people under 23 years of age from 21 nations. Almost four full days of concentrated effort in intense competition will earn gold, silver and bronze medals, with diplomas of excellence for those whose work falls just short of the high standards achieved by those receiving the top awards.

The '89 Skill Olympics opened last Sunday with a spectacular presentation of the 21 teams and programme of ethnic entertainment in the NEC Arena.

Prince Edward rounded off a day of engagements in

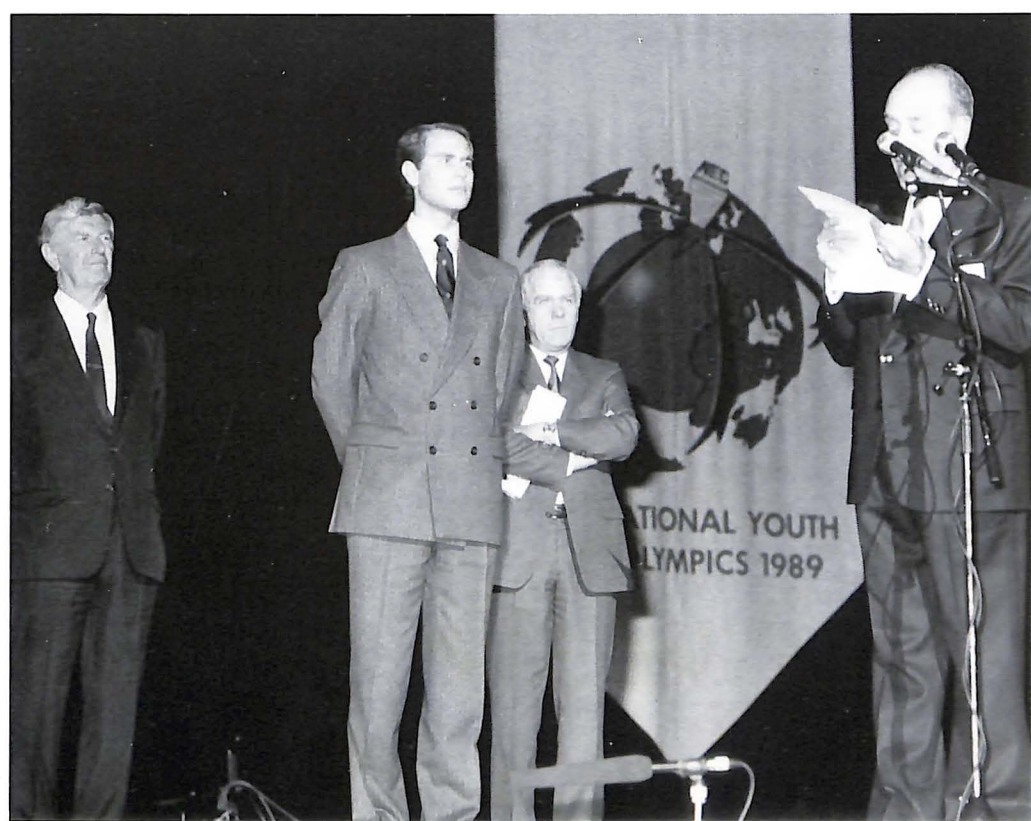
Birmingham by opening the competition. He was accompanied on stage by President Albert of the international organisation, Sir John Egan, chairman and chief executive of Jaguar and president of the '89 Skill Olympics and Eric Tindall, chairman of Skill-UK, the charity which organised the international event.

President Albert told the audience that the 39 years of the competition since the first was held in 1950 had proved the importance and positive results of the Skill Olympics in the social and educational aspects of vocational training. In that time, the international organisation had

tried to help young people perfect their knowledge and skills in their work.

He said: "We hope you young people from 21 countries appreciate everything that is being offered to you, the opportunity you have and that you show your professional skill and your interest in perfecting everything you have learned in your work."

"Your training must endure your whole life because it is an extension of your whole personality. In perfecting your work, which is of the utmost importance, you are contributing to the well-being of the community."



President Albert of the International Skill Olympics organisation speaks at the opening of the '89 Skill Olympics in the NEC Arena. With Prince Edward are Eric Tindall, chairman of Skill-UK (left) and Sir John Egan, president of '89 Skill Olympics.



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I am delighted that the United Kingdom has been asked to host the 30th International Youth Skill Olympics. The event highlights the importance of investment in training and encourages standards of excellence in the skills of our young people. Both are essential ingredients for economic success as we face the challenges of the next decade.

Margaret Thatcher



One of the highlights of the opening ceremony, dancing and music from the Ukraine by Czuplak.

SPONSORS RISE TO THE OCCASION

The sponsors of the materials, equipment and work stations for the competitors at the '89 Skill Olympics rose magnificently to the occasion when Halls 3A and 4 at the NEC were set up ready for the competitions. Acres of empty space were transformed in a few days into fully-equipped work areas for the contestants.

Along with the cash and clothing sponsors and others who have contributed to the event, they have made the UK hosting of the 30th International Youth Skill Olympics possible.

The 400 competitors had their first sight of the competition area last Sunday when they spent the morning familiarising themselves with the equipment and materials and preparing their

tools. They also received briefings from the international technical experts.

With the work completed on Thursday, the international juries took over, marking the work and passing their findings to the international secretariat for computer analysis. This will reveal the gold medallists who become the world champions in their skills and the silver and bronze awards for those who gave them a hard fight for the top awards.

Today the medal winners will be declared and they will receive their accolades at the closing ceremony at the Birmingham Hippodrome.



Lunch at Warwick University for four of the big contingent from Korea. From left: Woo Sang-Park, Moo Sung-Suh, Cheol Won-Kim and Ho Soon-Joung.

A RARE TREAT FOR THE PUBLIC

Midlanders and parties travelling from other parts of the country have enjoyed the rare opportunity to see the best young people of the world in their occupational skills competing for international honours at the NEC.

Skill-UK, the organiser of the United Kingdom team and host of the '89 Skill Olympics, threw open the doors of two halls of the exhibition complex for the public to watch contestants tackle test pieces set by international experts.

They saw engineering,

construction and other industrial craft and technological skills meticulously performed with service occupations, like cookery, waiting and hairdressing.

In another hall, an exhibition included demonstrations of skills not yet in the official competition. The international got

underway with people waiting for the doors to open on Bank Holiday Monday and interest in this once-in-a-generation chance to see the Skill Olympics stayed high until the work stopped on Thursday.

The competition took place in Glasgow in 1965 and since then has moved around the world. It next takes place in Holland in 1991, followed by Taiwan in 1993.

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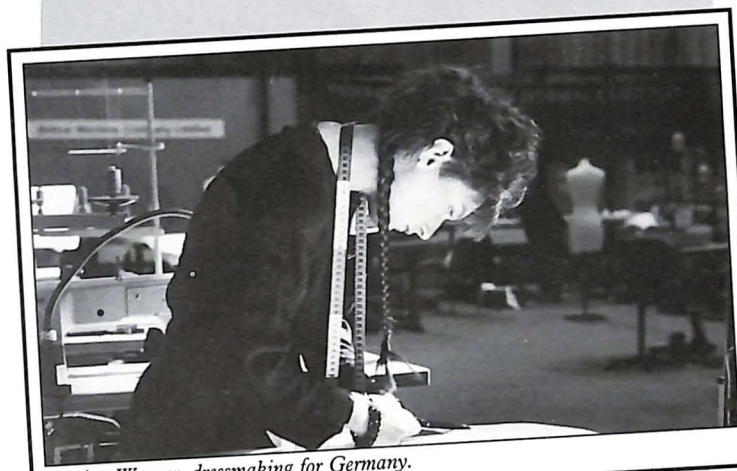
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Marion Wagner, dressmaking for Germany.



Scott Hendry, the UK waiter.



Sek Kuan Kou, ladies' hairdresser from Macao.



MEDAL WINNERS

TRADES - BERUFE

ESPECIALIDADES METIERS

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

1	Fitting Ajuste	Maschinenschlosser Ajustage		
2	Press tool making Matrickeria	Werkzeugmacher Outillage		
3	Instrument making Mecanica de precision	Feinmechaniker Mécanique de précision		
5	Engineering drawing Delineacion	Technischer Zeichner Dessin industriel		
6	Turning Torno	Dreher Tournage		
7	Milling Fresa	Fräser Fraisage		
8	Construction steel work Constr. metálicas de acero	Stahlbauschlosser Construction métallique an acier		
9	Gas welding Soldadura oxiacetilenica	Autogenschweisser Soudage oxy-acétylénique		
10	Electric welding Soldadura electrica	Elektroschweisser Soudage électrique		
11	Wood patternmaking Modelos de fundicion	Modellschreiner Modelage sur bois/Fonderie		
13	Panel beating Chapisteria	Karosseriespengler Tôlerie/Carrosserie		
14	Sheet metal work Caldereria	Biechschlosser Chaudronnerie		
15	Plumbing Fontaneria	Sanitärinstallateur Installations sanitaires		
16	Industrial eletronics Electronica industrial	Industrieelektroniker Electronique industrielle		
17	Consumer electronics Electronica de consumo	Unterhaltungselektron Electronique de loisir		
18	House wiring Instalacion de construccion	Elektroinstallateur Installation électrique		
19	Industrial wiring Electromontaje	Starkstromelektriker Inst. électrique (courant fort)		
20	Bricklaying Albanileria	Maurer Maçonnerie		
21	Stonemasonry Talla en piedra	Steinmetz Taillage de pierre		
22	Painting and decorating Pintura	Maler Peinture		
23	Plastering Estuco	Stukkateur Plâtrerie		
24	Cabinetmaking Ebanisteria	Möbelschreiner Ebénisterie		
25	Joinery Carpinteria de taller	Bauschreiner Menuiserie		
26	Carpentry Carpinteria de armar	Zimmermann Charpenterie		
27	Jewellery Joyeria	Goldschmied Bijouterie/Joaillerie		
29	Ladies' hairdressing Peluqueria de senoras	Damenfriseur Coiffure dames		
30	Men's hairdressing Peluqueria de caballeros	Herrenfriseur Coiffure hommes		
31	Ladies' dressmaking Modisteria	Damenschneider Couture dames		
32	CNC machining Mecanizado por CNC	CNC Metallbearbeitung Usinage CNC		
33	Automotive mechanics Mecanica del automovil	Automechaniker Mécanique automobile		
34	Cookery Cocina	Koch Cuisine		
35	Waiting Camarero	Kellner Sommellerie		
36	Graphic design Artes graficas	Grafiker Arts graphiques		
37	Agricultural mechanics Mecanica agricola	Landmaschinenmechaniker Mécanique agricole		

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