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Team Singapore Ready to Roar

Largest-ever Contingent of 22 ITE/Polytechnic Student Competitors Now Gearing Up for WorldSkills London 2011 - the International "Olympics of Skills"

Come 30 September 2011, 22 young Singaporeans will depart for London, United Kingdom, to represent the nation at the **41st WorldSkills Competition (WSC)**, dubbed the "Olympics of Skills". There, Team Singapore will pit its technical skills against the world's finest, in an unprecedented match of skills in 19 skills areas - the highest number of categories yet in Singapore's participation in the WSC.

2 The biennial international competition will see 1,000 competitors from 50 countries/regions competing in 46 skills areas from 5 to 8 October 2011. Team Singapore, comprising competitors from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic, will compete in 19 skills areas at the WSC (see **Annex A** for the list of competitors and skills areas), three more than the previous instalment of 16 in 2009.

3 The new areas which Singapore will be participating in are **Creative Modelling, Men's/Women's Hair Fashion Design** and **Visual Merchandising**. Singapore's representatives are the top Medal winners from the WorldSkills Singapore competition held in January this year.

Peak Performance Training for Peak Results

4 To prepare the competitors for peak performance, ITE, leader of the Singapore contingent, has arranged for Team Singapore to undergo a three-day Peak Performance Training Camp. The Camp aims to equip the competitors with strategies to achieve optimum results at the WSC, and to foster team spirit among them. The Camp will culminate on 5 August

2011 where Mr Bob Tan, Chairman/ITE and Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO/ITE will drop in at a Peak Performance Training to view their training, and to interact with the competitors.

5 In the last WSC held at Calgary, Canada, in 2009, our competitors delivered Singapore's best showing at the Competition since its debut participation in 1995. Singapore's three Gold Medals ranked us fifth among 51 countries, on par with France, Ireland, Brazil, UK, Chinese Taipei and host country, Canada (all of which won three Golds each). Singapore's competitor in IT – PC & Network Support, Tan Thiam Shui, was conferred the Albert Vidal Prize, a special Award given to the Overall Top Scorer in the whole competition. It was the second time a Singaporean was honoured with this prestigious award, with Ms Viridis Liew being the first Albert Vidal Prize winner in WSC 2005 held in Helsinki, Finland.

Invitation to Media Members

6 Members of the media are cordially invited to witness Team Singapore's Peak Performance Training Session, and to meet up with our 22 youth skills ambassadors. Details of the session are as follows:

Date: **Friday 5 August 2011**
Time: 1000 hours
Venue: Sports Village, Block 7, Level 1
ITE College West, 1 Choa Chu Kang Grove, Singapore 688236

7 The event programme and location map are at **Annexes B and C** respectively.

8 To confirm your attendance or for further information/arrangements for interviews, please contact:

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Institute of Technical Education

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Team Singapore @ 40th WSC – Competitors and Skills Areas

Skills Category	Competitor	Institution
Beauty Therapy	Shunner Villanueva Leong	ITE
Caring (Team Event)	Li Kaiyun, Jaslyn & Rachel Chloe Chua	Nanyang Polytechnic
CNC Milling	Lin Zhaoxiong, Kenny	Nanyang Polytechnic
CNC Turning	Ong Han Jie	Nanyang Polytechnic
Cooking	Hazel Koh	ITE
Creative Modelling <i>(New)</i>	Isabel Song Qingsen	Singapore Polytechnic
Electronics	Tang Chee Kit	Singapore Polytechnic
Graphic Design Technology	Marilyn Tham May Peng	Nanyang Polytechnic
Industrial Control	Chong Ting Wei	Singapore Polytechnic
Information Network Cabling	Chan Jun Wei, William	Republic Polytechnic

IT Network Systems Administration	Sim Mong Khim, Jared	Nanyang Polytechnic
IT Software Solutions for Business	Chow Wai Kuan	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Mechanical Engineering Design – CAD	Tan Ze Sheng, Jonathan	Singapore Polytechnic
Mechatronics (Team Event)	Lo Ray Hwee & Chan Bin Yang, Daniel	Temasek Polytechnic
Ladies'/Men's Hairdressing <i>(New)</i>	Noel Ng Sing Guan	ITE
Mobile Robotics (Team Event)	Tan Chia Kai & Tang Shi Jie	Nanyang Polytechnic
Restaurant Service	Ong Gim Hui	ITE
Visual Merchandising <i>(New)</i>	Loh Yi Qi	Nanyang Polytechnic
Web Design	Yong Shan Xian	Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Team Singapore's Peak Performance Training Session

**Sports Village, Block 7, Level 1
ITE College West
1 Choa Chu Kang Grove, Singapore 688236**

Friday 5 August 2011

0945 hours	Guests to be seated
1000 hours	Arrival of Mr Bob Tan, Chairman/ITE Viewing of Peak Performance Training Session
1030 hours	Refreshment and Interaction with Team Singapore at the Visitor Reception Centre, Block 2 Level 2 Media Interviews
1100 hours	End of programme

*In the event of wet weather, the Peak Performance Training Session will be held at the Piazza,
between Blocks 2 and 3, Level 2*

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