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Launch of WORLDSKILLS SINGAPORE 2012
QUEST FOR SINGAPORE'S SKILLED TALENTS BEGINS

At the 41st WorldSkills Competition (WSC) held in London, United Kingdom recently, Team Singapore comprising 22 skilful youths from ITE and the Polytechnics brought honour and glory to the nation. With 4 Golds, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes and 7 Medallions of Excellence, Singapore was ranked fifth among 51 participating countries at the 41st WSC.

2 Will Singapore be able to repeat its success in the next WSC in Leipzig, Germany in 2013? The answer lies in the hands of Singaporean youths who are truly the best-in-class in their respective skills. The search for the finest talents to represent Singapore has begun. Applications to participate in WorldSkills Singapore 2012 are now open.

About WorldSkills Singapore 2012

3 The WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2012 is a biennial skills competition organised by ITE, with the support of the five Polytechnics, to recognise some of the nation's best skills and talents, to raise the standards of excellence in technical skills. Tenth in its series, WSS 2012 will be held from **5 Jul to 7 Jul 2012** at ITE College West at 1, Choa Chu Kang Grove.

4 The competition is open to Singaporeans from secondary schools, Junior Colleges, Polytechnics, ITE, other institutions of higher learning, as well as from private companies.

5 Top Medallists stand a chance to represent Singapore at the prestigious 42nd WSC to be held in Leipzig, Germany, in Jul 2013. Since its first participation in the WSC in 1995, Singapore has done well, chalking up 20 Gold, five Silver and eight Bronze Medals in this "Olympics of Skills".

WorldSkills Singapore 2012 Competition Areas

6 WSS 2012 will see youths pitting their skills against one another in **18** competition areas as follows:

- 6.1 Automobile Technology
- 6.2 Caring (Team Event)
- 6.3 CNC Milling
- 6.4 CNC Turning
- 6.5 Cooking
- 6.6 Creative Modelling
- 6.7 Electronics
- 6.8 Graphic Design Technology
- 6.9 Industrial Control
- 6.10 Information Network Cabling
- 6.11 IT Network Systems Administration
- 6.12 IT Software Solutions for Business
- 6.13 Mechanical Engineering Design - CAD
- 6.14 Mechatronics (Team Event)
- 6.15 Mobile Robotics (Team Event)
- 6.16 Restaurant Service

- 6.17 Visual Merchandising
- 6.18 Web Design

Application Criteria

7 To qualify to participate, applicants must be Singapore citizens and not older than 21 years old on 1 January 2012. Exception to this rule exists in respect of Information Network Cabling and Mechatronics, where competitors must not be older than 25 years old on 1 January 2012. They must be undergoing or have completed relevant training at an education institution or company. More details on the competition can be found at www.ite.edu.sg/wss

Application Procedures

8 Application will be open from **8 Nov to 9 Dec 2011**, and application forms can either be downloaded from www.ite.edu.sg/wss or obtained from:

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9 The media is invited to publicise the opening of applications for WorldSkills Singapore 2012. For further information, please contact:

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