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**ITE COMPETITOR WINS FIRST GOLD MEDAL AT WORLDSKILLS LONDON 2011**

***Singapore delivers best medal haul at the World Skills Competition, with 4 Golds in Beauty Therapy, Caring, IT Network Systems Administration and Software Solutions for Business***

**Ms Shunner Villanueva Leong** has put Singapore and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) on the world map, as **World Champion** in the **Beauty Therapy** skills category at WorldSkills London 2011. Since Singapore's maiden participation in the biennial WorldSkills Competition (WSC) in 1995, this is the first time an ITE competitor has won any medal at this prestigious biennial global skills competition.

2 Team Singapore, comprising a record number of 22 competitors participating in an unprecedented 19 skills categories, rose above 50 countries at the 41<sup>st</sup> WorldSkills Competition held in London this year, by finishing in **sixth place**. With some 1,000 competitors all over the world competing in 46 skills areas, Team Singapore punched above its weight and delivered its most outstanding results to date: **4 Golds, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes and 7 Medallions for Excellence**.

3 Singapore's three other Gold Medals at WSC 2011 came through:

3.1 **Ms Rachel Chloe Chua** and

**Ms Li Kaiyun, Jaslyn**

- Caring (Team)

3.2 **Mr Sim Mong Khim, Jared**

- IT Network Systems Administration

3.3 **Ms Chow Wai Kuan**

- IT Software Solutions for Business

4 Singapore maintained its unbroken run of Gold Medals at WorldSkills Competition in our nation's strong events - **IT Network Systems Administration** (formerly IT-PC & Network Support) and **Caring** skills categories. Despite being one of the youngest competitors of Team Singapore, **Mr Sim Mong Khim, Jared**, bagged Singapore's sixth straight victory in the IT Network Systems Administration skills category since its debut year in 2001. **Ms Li Kaiyun, Jaslyn, and Ms Rachel Chloe Chua** also kept Singapore's winning streak in Caring (Team event) since its inception in 2007, with Golds in 2011, 2009 and 2007. Jaslyn and Rachel are also winners of the **Best of Nation Award**, an accolade for a country's best performer/s. Jared, Jaslyn and Rachel are all competitors from Nanyang Polytechnic.

5 **Ms Chow Wai Kuan** also did Singapore and her institution, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, proud, by clinching a Gold Medal in the **IT Software Solutions for Business** skills category after the four-day competition.

6 Other firsts in Team Singapore's results at WorldSkills London 2011: Republic Polytechnic's first participation in the national contingent has been rewarded with a Bronze Medal through competitor **Mr Chan Jun Wei, William**, in the Information Network Cabling skills category. **Ms Loh Yi Qi**, from Nanyang Polytechnic, also excelled in **Visual Merchandising**, a new skills area unveiled in this installment of WSC, by scoring a Bronze Medal as well.

7 Singapore's 4 Gold Medals at the WorldSkills Competition 2011 puts it on par with host nation United Kingdom in terms of Gold medals, outperforming other advanced economies or countries with a strong respect for skills like Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, and United States of America. Korea topped the medal standing with 13 Golds, followed by Japan (11 Golds), Switzerland (6 Golds) and Brazil (6 Golds).

8 The Medals and Medallions for Excellence won by Team Singapore are:

<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Competition Area</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Shunner Villanueva Leong	Beauty Therapy	Gold
Li Kaiyun, Jaslyn & Rachel Chloe Chua	Caring (Team Event)	Gold and 'Best of Nation' Award
Sim Mong Khim, Jared	IT Network Systems Administration	Gold
Chow Wai Kuan	IT Software Solutions for Business	Gold
Tan Ze Sheng, Jonathan	Mechanical Engineering Design – CAD	Silver
Chan Jun Wei, William	Information Network Cabling	Bronze
Loh Yi Qi	Visual Merchandising	Bronze
Lin Zhaoxiong, Kenny	CNC Milling	Medallion for Excellence*
Marilyn Tham May Peng	Graphic Design Technology	Medallion for Excellence*
Chong Ting Wei	Industrial Control	Medallion for Excellence*
Noel Ng Sing Guan	Men's / Women's Hair Fashion Design	Medallion for Excellence*
Tan Chia Kai and Tang Shi Jie	Mobile Robotics	Medallion for Excellence*
Ong Gim Hui	Restaurant Service	Medallion for Excellence*
Yong Shan Xian	Web Design	Medallion for Excellence*

*\*Given to competitors who scored at least 500 out of 600 points in the Competition.*

9 The WorldSkills Competition 2011 saw the largest Singapore contingent the ITE has led so far, in collaboration with the five Polytechnics. Mr Bruce Poh, Singapore's Official Delegate to WorldSkills and Director & CEO/ITE, shared: "WorldSkills London 2011 is one of the most keenly-contested events. I am therefore delighted that Team Singapore has excelled beyond expectations, with ITE winning its first Gold Medal in Beauty Therapy. We have also maintained our stronghold in two areas - IT Network Systems Administration and Caring -, and achieved a record number of awards. We would like to thank the partner institutions for their unwavering support; and the many dedicated experts, coaches and officials for their excellent work in preparing Team Singapore."

10 All in, the 19 skills areas Team Singapore competed in at the WorldSkills Competition 2011 were:

- Beauty Therapy
- Caring
- CNC Milling
- CNC Turning
- Cooking
- Creative Modelling
- Electronics
- Graphic Design Technology
- Industrial Control
- Information Network Cabling
- IT Network Systems Administration
- IT Software Solutions for Business
- Mechanical Engineering Design – CAD
- Mechatronics
- Men's / Women's Hair Fashion Design
- Mobile Robotics
- Restaurant Service
- Visual Merchandising
- Web Design

11 Singapore was represented at the WSC 2011 by students from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and Republic Polytechnic. The Singapore contingent was led by ITE. See **Annex A** for a list of Singapore's competitors. Singapore's track record at past WorldSkills Competitions is at **Annex B**.

## Media Invitation

12 Members of the media are invited to publicise Singapore's excellent performance at the WorldSkills Competition 2011. For further information and/or arrangements for interviews, please contact:

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**WORLDSKILLS LONDON 2011 – TEAM SINGAPORE**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Skills Category</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1	Shunner Villanueva Leong, 21	Beauty Therapy	ITE
2 & 3	Li Kaiyun, Jaslyn, 20 & Rachel Chloe Chua, 21	Caring (Team Event)	Nanyang Polytechnic
4	Lin Zhaoxiong, Kenny, 20	CNC Milling	Nanyang Polytechnic
5	Ong Han Jie, 21	CNC Turning	Nanyang Polytechnic
6	Hazel Koh, 20	Cooking	ITE
7	Isabel Song Qingsen, 21	Creative Modelling	Singapore Polytechnic
8	Tang Chee Kit, 20	Electronics	Singapore Polytechnic
9	Marilyn Tham May Peng, 20	Graphic Design Technology	Nanyang Polytechnic
10	Chong Ting Wei, 21	Industrial Control	Singapore Polytechnic
11	Chan Jun Wei, William, 20	Information Network Cabling	Republic Polytechnic
12	Sim Mong Khim, Jared, 19	IT Network Systems Administration	Nanyang Polytechnic
13	Chow Wai Kuan, 21	IT Software Solutions for Business	Ngee Ann Polytechnic

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Skills Category</b>	<b>Institution</b>
14	Tan Ze Sheng, Jonathan, 20	Mechanical Engineering Design – CAD	Singapore Polytechnic
15 & 16	Lo Ray Hwee, 21 & Chan Bin Yang, Daniel, 20	Mechatronics (Team Event)	Temasek Polytechnic
17	Noel Ng Sing Guan, 19	Ladies'/Men's Hairdressing	ITE
18 & 19	Tan Chia Kai, 20 & Tang Shi Jie, 21	Mobile Robotics (Team Event)	Nanyang Polytechnic
20	Ong Gim Hui, 20	Restaurant Service	ITE
21	Loh Yi Qi, 20	Visual Merchandising	Nanyang Polytechnic
22	Yong Shan Xian, 19	Web Design	Ngee Ann Polytechnic

**SINGAPORE'S WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION TRACK RECORD IN TERMS OF  
MEDAL RANKING (1995 TO 2011)**

**WorldSkills Competition 2011, London, United Kingdom**

1. **Gold Medal** for Beauty Therapy
2. **Gold Medal** for Caring
3. **Gold Medal** for IT Network Systems Administration
4. **Gold Medal** for IT Software Solutions for Business
5. **Silver Medal** for Mechanical Engineering Design - CAD
6. **Bronze Medal** for Information Network Cabling
7. **Bronze Medal** for Visual Merchandising
8. **Medallion for Excellence** for CNC Milling
9. **Medallion for Excellence** for Graphic Design Technology
10. **Medallion for Excellence** for Industrial Control
11. **Medallion for Excellence** for Men's/Women's Hair Fashion Design
12. **Medallion for Excellence** for Mobile Robotics
13. **Medallion for Excellence** for Restaurant Service
14. **Medallion for Excellence** for Web Design

**WorldSkills Competition 2009, Calgary, Canada**

15. **Gold Medal** for IT-PC/Network Support
16. **Gold Medal** for Caring
17. **Gold Medal** for Graphic Design Technology
18. **Bronze Medal** for Mobile Robotics
19. **Medallion for Excellence** for Beauty Therapy
20. **Medallion for Excellence** for CNC Milling
21. **Medallion for Excellence** for Electronics
22. **Medallion for Excellence** for IT/Software Applications
23. **Medallion for Excellence** for Mechanical Engineer Design – CAD
24. **Medallion for Excellence** for Mechatronics
25. **Medallion for Excellence** for Restaurant Service

**WorldSkills Competition 2007, Shizuoka, Japan**

1. **Gold Medal** for IT/PC & Network Support
2. **Gold Medal** for Mechanical Engineering Drawing & Design CADD
3. **Gold Medal** for Caring
4. **Bronze Medal** for Industrial Control
5. **Medallion for Excellence** for CNC Turning
6. **Medallion for Excellence** for Graphic Design Technology
7. **Medallion for Excellence** for IT/Software Applications



8. **Medallion for Excellence** for Mobile Robotics
9. **Medallion for Excellence** for Web Design
10. **Medallion for Excellence** for Industrial Electronics

#### **WorldSkills Competition 2005, Helsinki, Finland**

1. **Gold Medal** for IT/PC & Network Support
2. **Gold Medal** for IT/Software Applications
3. **Bronze Medal** for Web Design
4. **Diploma** for Industrial Electronics
5. **Diploma** for Mechanical Engineering Drawing & Design CADD
6. **Diploma** for Mechatronics

#### **WorldSkills Competition 2003, St Gallen, Switzerland**

1. **Gold Medal** for IT/PC & Network Support
2. **Gold Medal** for Mechatronics
3. **Silver Medal** for IT/Software Applications
4. **Bronze Medal** for Graphic Design
5. **Diploma** for CNC Milling
6. **Diploma** for Industrial Electronics
7. **Diploma** for Industrial Control
8. **Diploma** for Mechanical Engineering Drawing & Design CADD
9. **Diploma** for Restaurant Service

#### **WorldSkills Competition 2001, Seoul, South Korea, 2001**

1. **Gold Medal** for IT/PC & Network Support
2. **Gold Medal** for IT/Software Applications
3. **Silver Medal** for Graphic Design
4. **Silver Medal** for Mechanical Engineering Drawing & Design CADD
5. **Bronze Medal** for Mechatronics
6. **Diploma** for CNC Milling
7. **Diploma** for Industrial Electronics

#### **WorldSkills Competition 1999, Montreal, Canada (*Ranked 10<sup>th</sup>*)**

1. **Gold Medal** for Information Technology
2. **Gold Medal** for Industrial Electronics
3. **Diploma** for Mechanical Engineering Drafting CAD
4. **Diploma** for Mechatronics
5. **Diploma** for Industrial Wiring
6. **Diploma** for Cookery

#### **WorldSkills Competition 1997, St Gallen, Switzerland**

1. **Gold Medal** for Mechatronics
2. **Silver Medal** for Industrial Electronics
3. **Diploma** for Engineering Drafting CAD

4. **Diploma** for Information Technology
5. **Diploma** for Restaurant Service

#### **WorldSkills Competition 1995, Lyon, France**

1. **Gold Medal** for Industrial Electronics
2. **Bronze Medal** for Mechatronics
3. **Diploma** for Milling
4. **Diploma** for Cookery