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WorldSkills Singapore 2014

Singapore's Most Highly Skilled Youths to Fly the Nation's Flag in Brazil

Top skills champions from National Skills Competition to represent Singapore at Skills Olympics

For three days, **142** young talents from Singapore battled it out in an intense test of skills at WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2014. Organised by ITE, in conjunction with the five Polytechnics, WSS 2014 was held from **10 to 12 July 2014** at ITE College Central and ITE College West.

2 On Wednesday, 16 July, at 10 am at ITE HQ & ITE College Central, Mr Heng Swee Keat, Minister for Education, officiated at the Closing Ceremony and presented awards to winners. Winners received Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals together with Cash Awards of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Gold Medallists will also receive course sponsorship from the Singapore Workforce Development Agency, one of the Principal Sponsors of WSS 2014.

3 Top Medallists from **17 skill areas** (of which two are team events) will have the opportunity to be selected as Singapore's representatives at the 43rd WorldSkills Competition (WSC) in São Paulo, Brazil, in August 2015. Last year, at the 42nd WSC in Germany, Team Singapore did us proud by clinching three Golds, two Silvers and nine Medallions for Excellence.

A Taste of Skills for Everyone

4 As part of the celebration of skills, a series of **30 free workshops** aptly called 'Give-It-a-Go@Skills' were held for the first time, and opened to the public on Saturday, 12 July 2014. Held at ITE College Central, some 2,500 members of the public seized the opportunity to pick up useful practical skills ranging from *Fixing Your Air-con Woes*, to *Health & Wellness*, *Protecting Your Eyes*, *Creating Your Own Website*, and *Setting Up a Business*.

Singapore's Future Capabilities in Professional Skills

5 Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE, said: "I am very pleased with the outcome of WorldSkills Singapore 2014. Not only have we uncovered a team of fresh young talents, who represent Singapore's future capabilities in professional skills, the public and their families also had an opportunity to try their hands at discovering the value of skills in their everyday lives. Given the higher standards of this year's competition, I am confident that Team Singapore will do us proud at the next WorldSkills Competition in Brazil in 2015. I look forward to seeing the wonders they will create there."

Results and Interviews

6 Results of the WSS 2014 are separately attached.

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About WorldSkills Singapore

ITE, in conjunction with the five Polytechnics, organises WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) every two years. WSS is a skills competition aimed at encouraging youths who are skilled in technical skills to excel in their skill area and test themselves against demanding standards. Successful competitors will have the opportunity to be selected to represent Singapore at the biennial international WorldSkills Competition (WSC). The 43rd WSC will be held at São Paulo, Brazil in August 2015.

If you would like to learn more about WSS, please visit us our website:
<http://www.worldskills.sg/>