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LARGEST CONTINGENT TO REPRESENT SINGAPORE AT THE 45TH WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION IN KAZAN, RUSSIA

32 youths set to fly the Singapore flag high at the world's largest skills competition

SINGAPORE, 06 AUGUST 2019 – Singapore will field a team of 32 highly skilled youths from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), the five polytechnics and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) to compete at the upcoming 45th WorldSkills Competition (WSC) in Kazan, Russia from 22 to 27 August 2019.

2 This is the largest contingent to represent Singapore since its first participation in WSC in 1995. It is also the first time Singapore is fielding a competitor from an Autonomous University – NTU. The WSC Kazan 2019 will receive more than 1,300 competitors from 69 countries competing in 56 skills areas. The list of Team Singapore competitors is in **Annex A**.

3 This year, Team Singapore will compete in 29 skills areas, which include six new areas – (1) Cyber Security, (2) Chemical Laboratory Technology, (3) Cloud Computing, (4) Fashion Technology, (5) Hotel Reception, and (6) Water Technology. In particular, Cyber Security is newly introduced into WSC based on a joint proposal submitted by Singapore and the United States. Please refer to **Annex B** for more information on Singapore's participation in the past WSCs.

4 Singapore will also participate in the Future Skills Competition, which will be held in conjunction with the WSC. The Future Skills Competition is a competition of emerging skills that are in demand for the digital economy. Singapore will field three competitors in two Future Skills areas – Building Information Modelling Technology and Drone Operating. The list of competitors for the Future Skills competition is in **Annex C**.

5 The Sending-off Ceremony was held at ITE Headquarters today, where the Minister for Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, handed the Singapore flag to the Team Captains

– Mr Aquila Ng (Mobile Robotics) and Ms Shauna Tan (Information Network Cabling) – in support of our competitors who will be representing Singapore in Kazan.

6 Mr Ng Cher Pong, Chairman of WorldSkills Singapore Council and Chief Executive of SkillsFuture Singapore, said, “The pursuit of skills is a lifelong journey which starts from young. The WorldSkills Competition plays an important role in inspiring our youths to strive towards achieving skills mastery. All our competitors have put in a lot of effort into their preparations for the competition. We look forward to seeing them do well on the global stage.”

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TEAM SINGAPORE AT WOLRDSKILLS COMPETITION KAZAN 2019

S/N	Skills Area	Name of Competitor	Institution
1	3D Digital Game Art	Tan Ying Ying	Nanyang Polytechnic
2	Aircraft Maintenance	Lau Jun Wei	Nanyang Polytechnic
3	Automobile Technology	Abdul Syafiq Bin Abdullah	Institute of Technical Education
4	Beauty Therapy	Kow Chin Wen Vanessa	Institute of Technical Education
5	Chemical Laboratory Technology ^{1 2}	Ng Zi Xuan	Nanyang Technological University
6	Cloud Computing ^{1 2}	Milton Sim Yicong	Nanyang Polytechnic
7	CNC Milling	Lin Jian Xing	Singapore Polytechnic
8	CNC Turning	Alex Ong Li Hong	Nanyang Polytechnic
9	Cooking	Jerome Lim En Da	Republic Polytechnic
10	Cyber Security ^{1 2 3} (Team Event)	Devesh Logendran	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
11		Koh Chan Hong (Ravern)	
12	Electrical Installation	Koh Zhi Cheng	Singapore Polytechnic
13	Electronics	Manzel Joseph Seet	Nanyang Polytechnic
14	Fashion Technology ¹	Farhan Bin Hanis	Temasek Polytechnic
15	Freight Forwarding	Rebecca Sim Yen Yee	Temasek Polytechnic
16	Graphic Design Technology	Jamie Jessica Leong	Nanyang Polytechnic
17	Hairdressing	Noorasyiqah Binte Roseli	Institute of Technical Education
18	Health and Social Care	Chia Yi Yun Regina	Nanyang Polytechnic
19	Hotel Reception ^{1 2}	Pan Shao Yee Shervonne	Nanyang Polytechnic
20	Industrial Control	Tan Jing Bo	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
21	Information Network Cabling	Shauna Tan Shi-Yu	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
22	IT Network Systems Administration	Liong Wen Xuan	Nanyang Polytechnic
23	IT Software Solutions for Business	Yong Kai Qi	Nanyang Polytechnic
24	Mechanical Engineering CAD	Tey Yi Ci	Nanyang Polytechnic
25	Mechatronics (Team Event)	Liew Jin Hwei Arthur	Ngee Ann Polytechnic
26		Wong Shi Jie	
27	Mobile Robotics (Team Event)	Aquila Ng Li En	Nanyang Polytechnic
28		Terrence Yoong Teck Loong	
29	Restaurant Service	Vanesia Erico Tan Yi Jun	Republic Polytechnic
30	Visual Merchandising	Elysia Tjanderawasi	Nanyang Polytechnic
31	Water Technology ¹	Chen Yong Han John	Singapore Polytechnic
32	Web Technologies	Tea Pei Qi	Nanyang Polytechnic

Legend

- 1 Skills area that Singapore is taking part in for the first time at WSC
- 2 New skills area introduced at WorldSkills Kazan 2019.
- 3 Singapore submitted a proposal, together with the United States, to introduce Cyber Security as a new skill area, which was accepted for WorldSkills Kazan 2019

SINGAPORE'S PARTICIPATION IN PAST WORLDSKILLS COMPETITIONS

For over 60 years, the WorldSkills Competition (WSC), organised by WorldSkills International, has come to symbolise the pinnacle of excellence in skilled trades and technologies training.

2 Every two years, hundreds of talented youths, accompanied by their teachers, coaches and trainers, gather from around the world to compete in the skills of their various trades and to test themselves against demanding international standards. They represent the best of their peers drawn from regional and national skills competitions.

3 First introduced as a national skills competition in Madrid, Spain, in 1947, to raise the image of vocational training in the country, the WSC became an international competition in 1950 with two participating countries – Spain and Portugal.

4 In 1993, ITE joined WorldSkills International as Singapore's Official Representative. WorldSkills International is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote the image of skills and skilled careers through competitions and exchanges for youths. In 1994, ITE organised the first National Skills Competition (now known as the WorldSkills Singapore Competition), and led the first Singapore team to participate in the WSC in 1995 held in Lyon, France.

5 The table below summarises Team Singapore's participation in the WSC from 1995 onwards:

S/N	Competition	Year	Number of participants	Number of Skills Areas
1	44 th WSC, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	2017	21	19
2	43 rd WSC, São Paulo, Brazil	2015	22	20
3	42 nd WSC, Leipzig, Germany	2013	22	20
4	41 st WSC, London, England	2011	22	19
5	40 th WSC, Calgary, Canada	2009	19	16
6	39 th WSC, Shizuoka, Japan	2007	14	12
7	38 th WSC, Helsinki, Finland	2005	11	10
8	37 th WSC, St Gallen, Switzerland	2003	12	11
9	36 th WSC, Seoul, South Korea	2001	11	10
10	35 th WSC, Montreal, Canada	1999	10	9

11	34 th WSC, St Gallen, Switzerland	1997	9	8
12	33 rd WSC, Lyon, France	1995	9	8

FUTURE SKILLS COMPETITION

S/N	Skills Area	Name of Competitor	Institution
1	Building Information Modelling Technology	Lee Si Ying	Temasek Polytechnic
2		Muhammad Nuh Bin Mohamed Zan	
3	Drone Operating	Jasper Chua Jun Kiat	Republic Polytechnic

