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What Happens When Stars Collide?

Top medal winners at WorldSkills Singapore 2008 to represent Singapore at WorldSkills Competition 2009 in Calgary, Canada

Who will emerge victorious after a grueling and intense three-day battle to become the next batch of "Singapore Skills Idols"? This is the top question in the minds of 166 competitors from 17 competition areas in WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2008, which was held from 16 to 18 October 2008.

2 WSS 2008 was officially open by RAdm (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Senior Minister of State for Education and Information, Communications and the Arts, on 16 October 2008 at ITE College East. Held once in every two years, WorldSkills Singapore aims to recognise and honour skilful Singaporean youths.

3 The competition will culminate in a Closing and Prize Presentation Ceremony on **Thursday 23 October 2008**, where the results will be announced and outstanding finalists honoured with medals and prizes. Winners will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze medals together with cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively, from the Guest-of-Honour, **Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports**.

4 Top Medallists of WSS 2008 will also stand a chance to represent Singapore at the prestigious 40th WorldSkills Competition (WSC) to be held in Calgary, Canada, in 2009. Singapore has done well in this international level competition and has so far reaped 13 Gold Medals since 1995.

5 The finalists for WSS 2008 are from ITE, the Polytechnics, and private institutions or companies. They took part in 17 competition areas, namely: Automotive Technology, Beauty Therapy, Caring, CNC Milling, CNC Turning, Cooking, Graphic Design Technology, Industrial Control, Industrial Electronics, Information Technology – PC & Network Support, Information Technology – Software Applications, Mechanical

Engineering Drawing & Design CADD, Mechatronics, Mobile Robotics, Restaurant Service, Telecommunication Distribution Technology and Web Design. The competition was held at ITE College East, ITE College West (*Balestier Campus*) and ITE College West (*Clementi Campus*).

6 WSS 2008 is organised by ITE, in conjunction with the five Polytechnics. The main sponsors of the respective competition areas are in **Annex A**.

Invitation to Media Members

7 Media members are cordially invited to cover the WSS 2008 Closing Ceremony on **Thursday, 23 October 2008** at **1000 hours**. The Ceremony will be held at ITE College East, 10 Simei Avenue, Singapore 486047. The programme for the ceremony is at **Annex B** and the location map of ITE College East is at **Annex C**.

8 For further information and arrangements for interviews, please contact Ms Joycelyn Seet, Head/Online Communications, on Tel: 6590 2027, Email: Joycelyn_Seet@ite.edu.sg or Ms Hajijah Koming, Head/Communications (Colleges), on Tel: 6590 2026, Email: Hajijah_Koming@ite.edu.sg For more information on WSS 08, please visit www.ite.edu.sg/wss.

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Competition Area	Sponsor
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Web Design	Oracle Corporation Singapore Pte Ltd
General Category	Alcotec Precision Engineering Pte Ltd
General Category	Association of Process Industry
General Category	Isetan Foundation
General Category	Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd

PROGRAMME

0945 hrs	Guests to be seated
0955 hrs	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour Dr Vivian Balakrishnan Minister for Community Development, Youth & Sports
1000 hrs	Visual Presentation of WorldSkills Singapore 2008 Highlights Closing Remarks by Mr Bruce Poh, Director & Chief Executive Officer, ITE, and Chairman, WorldSkills Singapore Council Presentation of Mementos of Appreciation to Technical Working Groups by Mr Bruce Poh Presentation of Medals and Prizes by Guest-of-Honour to Winners of WorldSkills Singapore 2008 Entertainment
1100 hrs	Reception and End of Programme

Location Map of ITE College East
10 Simei Avenue, Spore 486047

