

Team Hong Kong shines at the WorldSkills Competition

Winning 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes, and 10 Medallions for Excellence

Marking the best results in Hong Kong's history



Click the image above to relive the exciting highlights of the WorldSkills Competition produced by HKDI and THEi students.

The WorldSkills Competition, also hailed as the "Skills Olympics", is the largest international skills event in the world, aimed at enhancing technical standards and promoting vocational and professional education and training (VPET). This biennial event was held from 10 to 15 September in Lyon, France, attracting 1,400 competitors from nearly 70 countries and regions. Hong Kong sent its strongest team ever, with 37 competitors participating in 32 skills trade competitions, competing against global elites.



(Photo: Courtesy of WorldSkills International)

In the fierce competition, Team Hong Kong showcased their strength, winning 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze medals, and 10 Medallions for Excellence, achieving historic results. These remarkable achievements not only highlight the skills and perseverance of the competitors but also demonstrate the success of VPET in Hong Kong.

Dr CHOI Yuk-lin, Secretary for Education, visited Lyon in person to cheer for Team Hong Kong and presented awards to the winners. She noted that this achievement has set a new record for Hong Kong since its participation in the WorldSkills Competition in 1997, bringing glory to the city. Dr CHOI praised the competitors for their efforts on the international stage, showcasing the talents and determination of Hong Kong youth. Additionally, she attended the WorldSkills Conference and spoke at a panel discussion, introducing the VPET development in Hong Kong to educational representatives from around the world. She stated that the Education Bureau has continued to adopt the strategy of fostering industry-institution collaboration and diversified development to encourage the alignment of classroom education with industry needs and collaboration between businesses and education institutions. A series of measures have also been introduced to promote VPET as a pathway parallel to conventional academic education under a multipronged approach.



Gold medal winner Mavis CHAN Wing-ki: "Participating in the competition helped me enhance my technical skills."

Mavis CHAN Wing-ki, the Gold Medal winner, is a graduate of the Higher Diploma in Design for Event, Exhibition and Performance from the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI). She excelled in the "Visual Merchandising" trade, marking Hong Kong's consecutive Gold medal win in this trade. Inspired by LEUNG Ka-yu, the previous Gold Medal winner in "Visual Merchandising", Mavis was determined to challenge herself and successfully represented Hong Kong after going through rounds of selection. During her training, she received professional guidance from her Expert, which significantly enhanced her skills, ultimately leading her to win the Gold medal. Mavis expressed her joy at receiving the award, stating, "I am very happy to represent Hong Kong at the WorldSkills Competition and to apply what I have learned in the competition. I hope this experience can inspire my juniors and help them find their own goals and development paths."



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Silver medallist Jarvis YIU Ho-man: a broadening experience

Jarvis YIU Ho-man, a graduate of the Higher Diploma in Baking and Pastry Arts from the International Culinary Institute (ICI), excelled in the "Pâtisserie and Confectionery" trade and won a Silver medal. He expressed that despite a year of intensive practice, unexpected challenges still arose during the competition. Fortunately, he remained calm and composed, successfully resolving the problems and ultimately completing his work. Jarvis is deeply grateful for the support of his Expert and classmates over the past year. He said, "The most memorable part of the competition was the opportunity to exchange techniques with skilled competitors from around the world. This not only broadened my horizons but also allowed me to meet many top young talents and witness the latest skills developments across different regions."



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Bronze medal winner Jason WONG Fu-tung: striving to become an excellent "aircraft doctor"

This year's competition marked Hong Kong's first participation in the "Aircraft Maintenance" category. Jason WONG Fu-tung, a graduate of the Higher Diploma in Maintenance Engineering from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE), earned a Bronze medal for his outstanding performance. After graduating, Jason worked as a junior aircraft maintenance mechanic at the local aircraft engineering company, where he was responsible for maintaining and repairing components of the aircraft cabin to ensure smooth operations. He expressed his gratitude for the company's full support, stating, "I feel very proud to showcase my skills on an international stage. In the future, I will continue to work hard, striving my goal of becoming an excellent 'aircraft doctor' and contributing to the aviation industry."



(Photo: Courtesy of WorldSkills International)

Bronze medalist Will WAN Ka-chi confirms his career path

Meanwhile, Will WAN Ka-chi, a graduate of the Higher Diploma in Cloud and Data Centre Administration, won a Bronze medal in the "Cloud Computing" trade. Shortly after graduating, Will joined a cloud computing startup as a cloud engineer. The company was founded by Mike NG Sing-ching, a former WorldSkills Competition medallist in the same trade. Mike, as a mentor and a friend of Will, encouraged Will to participate in the WorldSkills Competition which he considered not only an eye-opening experience, but also a testament to professional skills that could greatly benefit one's career development. Winning this award has given Will a deeper understanding of his future career direction, and he is confident that he can continue to progress in his chosen professional field.



HKDI and THEi students conduct on-site filming to bring the competition to Hong Kong

During the competition, the VTC provided daily updates on highlights via social media, allowing the audience in Hong Kong to stay informed about the event. The student team responsible for filming and editing came from the Department of Digital Media from the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI) and the Department of Digital Innovation and Technology from the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi). Under the guidance of instructors, they applied their professional skills to produce videos and photos of the competition, enabling us to feel the excitement of the event from Hong Kong and cheer on the competitors.



The WorldSkills Competition is the largest international skills event and an important avenue for nurturing the next generation of skilled professionals. The outstanding achievements of Team Hong Kong is a great recognition of all participants' hard work and highlight the value and significance of VPET in Hong Kong, preparing future pillars for the industry. The VTC will continue to provide students with diverse learning opportunities, including training and competitions outside Hong Kong, to cultivate more vocational talents.

WorldSkills Lyon 2024 Result of Team Hong Kong

Competition Trades	Competitors
Gold Medal	Visual Merchandising CHAN Wing-ki
Silver Medal	Pâtisserie and Confectionery YIU Ho-man
Bronze Medal	Aircraft Maintenance Cloud Computing WONG Fu-tung WAN Ka-chi
Medallion for Excellence	3D Digital Game Art Bakery Fashion Technology Graphic Design Technology Information Network Cabling Joinery Mechatronics Mobile Applications Development Restaurant Service Welding CHEUNG Ho-yin KWOK Shing-tsung TAI Hei-lam LI Sum-yi LEUNG Andy Tsz-yin FONG Chun-yin LAM Choi-chi, NG Wing-kwan NG Kai-shing MAK Ka-chun CHOW Lok-yin