

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

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