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## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLDSKILLS SINGAPORE 2008** ***Debut of two new skills areas in this year's Competition***

Singaporean youths who excel in beauty and wellness services, or, who exemplify best practices in caring and nursing, now have another avenue to test their skills against those who are best-in-class. For the first time, **Beauty Therapy** and **Caring** have been included in the list of competition areas in **WorldSkills Singapore (WSS) 2008**, a biennial skills competition organised by ITE, with the support of the five Polytechnics.

2 Held for the eighth time, the WSS series aims to recognise the talents of young, skilful Singaporeans, and raise the standards of excellence in technical skills. The competition is open to Singaporeans from secondary schools, Junior Colleges, Polytechnics, ITE, companies and other institutions of higher learning.

3 Top Medallists stand a chance to represent Singapore at the prestigious 40<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition (WSC) to be held in Calgary, Canada, in 2009. Since its first participation in the WSC in 1995, Singapore has done very well, and has chalked up 13 Gold, four Silver and five Bronze Medals.

### **Competition Areas for WorldSkills Singapore 2008**

4 In **Beauty Therapy**, competitors will be required to analyse a client's needs, set up the treatment area and perform a suitable treatment programme. In **Caring**, competitors will be evaluated on how well they are able to assess, plan and implement a care or nursing programme for a "patient". They will also need to be well-versed in theoretical knowledge to carry out the tasks.

5 Three other skills areas – Automotive Technology, Cookery and Restaurant Service – will also be making a comeback this year, bringing the total number of competition areas for WorldSkills Singapore 2008 to **17**. The full list of competition areas is as follows:

- 5.1 Automotive Technology
- 5.2 Beauty Therapy (**NEW**)
- 5.3 Caring (**NEW**)
- 5.4 CNC Milling
- 5.5 CNC Turning
- 5.6 Cookery
- 5.7 Graphic Design Technology
- 5.8 Industrial Control
- 5.9 Industrial Electronics
- 5.10 Information Technology – PC & Network Support
- 5.11 Information Technology – Software Applications
- 5.12 Mechanical Engineering Drawing and Design CADD
- 5.13 Mechatronics
- 5.14 Mobile Robotics
- 5.15 Telecommunication Distribution Technology
- 5.16 Restaurant Service
- 5.17 Web Design

### **Other Competition Details**

6 WorldSkills Singapore 2008 will be held from **16 October 2008** to **18 October 2008** at **ITE College East**, 10 Simei Ave, Singapore 486047.

7 To qualify, competitors must be Singapore citizens not older than 21 years old on 1 January 2008. They must be undergoing or have completed relevant training at an education institution or company. More details on the competition can be found at this website: [www.ite.edu.sg/wss](http://www.ite.edu.sg/wss).

### **Application Procedures**

8 The application period is from **4 March 2008** to **24 April 2008**. Application forms can be downloaded from the ITE website ([www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg)). They can also be obtained from:

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Singapore 138683  
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### **Media Publicity**

9 The media is invited to publicise the opening of applications for WorldSkills Singapore 2008. For further information and arrangements for interviews, please contact Ms Joycelyn Seet, Head/Online Communications, Tel: 6772 0744, Email: [Joycelyn\\_Seet@ite.edu.sg](mailto:Joycelyn_Seet@ite.edu.sg).

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