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To the press,

The 12th Youth Skills Competition to open

-A Competition among 443 Under 21 Youths with 15 Skills Nagoya and vicinity in Aichi Prefecture-

The Ministry, collaborating with the Japan Vocational Ability Development Association, will organize the 12th Youth Skills Competition on 3-4 August 2017 at Nagoya Trade and Industry Center and three other places in Aichi Prefecture (except for some skills to start one week ahead).

Youth Skills Competition aims to develop young students who are learning skills at human resources development facilities and technical high school to skilled professionals through joining this Competition. The Competition will be held by 15 skills, such as Mechatronics, Manual lathe, Manual milling, and Carpentry, and 443 youths will join (See attachment 2 to check the number of competitors by skills).

The Ministry will continue its effort to increase skilled young people through showing these youths a goal and developing skills to promote their employment.

Aichi Prefectural Government is also to host National Skills Competition in 2018 and 2019 and the National Ability Competition in 2019.

1	Schedule	30-31 July, 1-4 August
2	Venue for competition	Nagoya Trade and Industry Center and 3 other places in Aichi Prefecture
3	Results announcement	Released on the website of the Ministry and JAVADA on 5 August
4	Website(Japanese only)	http://www.javada.or.jp/jyakunen20/index.html

Attachment 1: Overview of the 12th Youth Skills Competition (omitted)

Attachment 2: Number of competitors by skills of the 12th Youth Skills Competition

Number of competitors by skills
of the 12th Youth Skills Competition

	Skills	Number of competitors
1	Mechatronics	68 (34 groups)
2	Mechanical engineering CAD	32
3	Manual lathe	31
4	Manual milling	28
5	Electronic circuit assembling	28
6	Electrical constructions	29
7	Wood processing	27
8	Carpentry	44
9	Auto body repair	24
10	IT network systems administration	19
11	Web design	22
12	Office software solution	20
13	Graphic design	17
14	Incorporation of software for robots	38 (19 groups)
15	Landscape gardening	16
	Overall	443