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To the Press,

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The 29th Grand Prix for Skilled Professionals to open

-A Competition for Champion of Skills throughout Japan-

The Ministry, collaborating with the Japan Vocational Ability Development Association and the National Association for Skilled Professionals, will organize the 29th Grand Prix for Skilled Professionals on 10-13 February 2017 at Twin Messe Shizuoka, Shizuoka City. The Grand Prix is a national competition of senior skilled professionals.

Designated skilled professionals with highest skills, such as Certified Skilled Professionals, Grade 1 are to participate in the competition. The competition has been organized biennially since 1981, aiming to enhance their social status as well as skill promotion policy in Japan. Certified skilled professionals are expected to improve their skills to support Japanese manufacturing and construction industry and to show their skills, called 'waza' in Japanese, to the people.

To the 29th Grand Prix, 514 competitors throughout Japan will be joining on 30 types of skills.

1	Schedule	10-13 February 2017
	Opening	15.30 – 16.30 hrs, Friday, 10 February 2017
	Competition	Saturday, 11 February - Sunday, 12 February with exception of some skills held earlier
	Closing	14.00 – 15.50 hrs, Monday, 13 February 2017
2	Venue for opening/closing	Shizuoka City Culture Hall 2-90 Sumpu-cho, Aoi-ku, Shizuoka City
3	Venue for competition	Twin Messe Shizuoka and five other places
4	Website(Japanese only)	http://www.javada.or.jp/jigyuu/gino/ginogpx/index.html

Attachment 1: Overview of the 29th Grand Prix for Skilled Professionals

Attachment 2: Number of competitors by skills and the location of competitions

Images of the 28th Grand Prix (2015)



Opening



Closing



Competition (Stonemasonry)



Competition (Dyeing color correction)



Competition (Window glass setting)



Competition (Paint finishing of billboard)