

Promotion of Trade Skills

Measures	Outline
A young fellow manufacturing tournament	As offering place for competing skill level for the youth who is less than 20 years old and currently acquiring trade skills at either Occupation development institution, Authorized vocational training institution or Technical high school. With aim to youths plan occupation promotion by improving a skill, and for the purpose of planning the expansion of youth person skill. Started from FY 2005.
National Skills Competition for Young skilled Workers	The competition, started in 1963, is held annually to attain the following objectives through skill competition of young workers across the country: 1)to give goals to young skilled workers,2)to offer the general public an opportunity to see skilled work and appeal to ordinary citizens to understand the importance and necessity of skills, and 3)to raise the public awareness of skilled work.
World Skills Competition for Young skilled Workers	The competition was first held in Spain in 1950 to promote and improve participating countries' vocational training as well as to promote international exchange and friendship through international competition of young skilled workers. Today, the competition is basically held biannually, and Japan has participated since FY 1962.
National Skills Grand Prix	This is a skill competition participated by 1st grade skilled workers who have particularly outstanding skills. Started in FY 1981, this competition has aimed to improve skills of national skilled workers, raise their status, and promote trade skills in general. Although held annually until FY 2001, this event has been held biannually since FY 2002.
Award for outstanding Skilled Workers	This award, first presented in FY 1967, is given annually to outstanding skilled workers with the aim of increasing public awareness of skills, raising status of skilled workers, and improving skill levels.
Manufacturing Japan grand prize (Prime Minister commendation)	Given to the talented people/group/party engaged in "the manufacturing" which supports Japanese culture, and contributed to the formation of the rich life of the people greatly, individual or group who was able to accomplish particularly excellent result being full of the achievement, a pride and improvement of the participate in an "manufacturing", it aimed at contributing to technology to affect "manufacturing" and further development and the steady succession to the next generation of the skill . Biannually given since 2005.
Award related to human resources development from the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare	Award is presented to the establishment, organization, or person whose achievement in promoting accredited training and national trade skill test is so outstanding to become a model for others, and whose achievement in promoting skills is excellent enough to become a model, The award aims to promote accredited training, national trade skill test, skill development, and to improve skill level, as well as to disseminate the principles of the Human Resources Development Promotion Act.
A Special Olympic (A national handicapped person skill tournament)	It promotes development of the ability for occupation for disabled people and participates in the society with confidence as the skill worker proudly; also deepen social understanding and recognition for disabled people. Started from 1972 for the purpose of planning promotion of the employment for disabled people.