

Strengthening of the manufacturing base

“Monozukuri” has supported the development of Japan’s economy and industry. With the aging of the baby boomer generation and the drifting of younger people away from manufacturing, this foundation is beginning to weaken. JAVADA is using the following skills competitions to improve the level of skilled workers and to contribute to society by spreading the appeal and importance of “monozukuri” skills.



National Skills Competition

The National Skills Competition is a competition in which young skilled workers age 23 or under (except for a few job trades) pit their skills against each other. It is held for the purpose of encouraging the development of skilled workers of the next generation, and for having participants experience the importance and wonder of “monozukuri”. Spectators have the opportunity to view the monozukuri process up close, something normally not possible, and be amazed and inspired. The National Skills Competition also serves as a qualifying event for the World Skills Competition.

Event	Year	Host prefecture	Number of competitors
50	2012	Nagano	1097
49	2011	Shizuoka	1066
48	2010	Kanagawa	1028
47	2009	Ibaraki	983
46	2008	Chiba	953
45	2007	Chiba	980
44	2006	Kagawa	1158
43	2005	Yamaguchi	1094
42	2004	Iwate	1068
41	2003	Niigata	974
40	2002	Kumamoto	781



Youth Monozukuri Skills Competition

Targeting youth under 20 years old who are currently learning skills at vocational abilities development institutions, technical high schools or other such institutes of learning, this competition was launched in FY2005 for the purpose of providing them with goals and widening the horizons of young skilled workers.

Event	Year	Host prefecture	Number of competitors
7	2012	Iwate	290
6	2011	Hyogo	258
5	2010	Kanagawa	263
4	2009	Kanagawa	271
3	2008	Kanagawa	208
2	2006	Kanagawa	224
1	2005	Chiba	203



World Skills Competition

The World Skills Competition is a competition between young skilled workers 22 years of age or younger (except for a few job trades) selected from countries all over the world and is held once every two years. Japan has achieved excellent results in these competitions ever since joining the 11th competition in 1962. The competition has been held three times in Japan, including the 19th competition in 1970 (Tokyo, Chiba), the 28th competition in 1985 (Osaka), and the 39th competition in 2007 (Shizuoka). The 39th competition was called the “International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007.”