

We publish J-Skills News to inform Japan's support development of vocational skill training and vocational skill test system in Southeast Asia.

□ Nationalize skill test for turning and milling machine skill test in Vietnam

The spread of Japanese style skill test has been progressed since Vietnam's Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs GDVT and JAVADA signed a memorandum of understanding in 2013, many certified skill assessors have been produced and Japan has provided theoretical exam questions for turning and milling machine in Vietnamese. May 2018, as turning and milling machine were added to Vietnam's national skill test, Hanoi University of Industry (HaUI for turning and milling machine) and Hanoi Industrial Vocational College (HIVC for turning) have been nominated as the national skill assessment center.

In response to this, on the 2nd (Sat.) of June, HIVC held an opening ceremony for its start as the national skill assessment center and the first national skill test for turning grade 2, which was relevant to the 3rd grade of Japanese skill test, took place at HIVC. HaUI held a national skill test for milling machine grade 2 test on the 9th (Sat.) and the 10th (Sun.) of June. 24 examinees took the turning grade 2, and 22 of them have passed. Nine examinees took milling machine grade 2, and one of them has passed.

Vietnam is now expected not only to carry on implementing the same quality skill tests independently, but also move on to the grade 3 national skill test (intermedia level) which is relevant to the 2nd grade of Japanese skill test.



HIVC

□ Prospect of nationalization of sequence control skill test in Thailand

SESPP worked to disseminate Japanese-style skills tests especially in the field of electricity and electronics in Thailand. Finally a test standard for sequence control skill test has been completed. Skill test system for level 1 (which is relevant to the 3rd grade of Japanese skill test) has been also established, and now they are seeking applicants to implement national skill test in 2018.

In Thailand, the needs for nationalization of level 2 sequence control test (Japanese 2nd grade) is high, and it is expected to be implemented soon. Level 1 will be implemented in 2018. Theoretical and practical test questions have been completed and legally authorized. As the first step, skill assessor training will be held at AHRDA in October 2018. The test date will be determined accordingly to results of the skill assessor training, however it is assumed that national test should be implemented sometime in between January to the end of February 2019.

ASEAN Skills Competition closed. Japan provided technical supports

ASEAN Skills Competition took place in Bangkok between 30th August and 4th September. 331 competitors attended from the 10 member countries and 25,000 people visited the event. Simon Bartley (President of WorldSkills International), Stefan Praschl (Vice President for Competitions and Chair of the Competitions Committee), San-Quei Lin (Vice President for Special Affairs), official Russian representative, and other VIPs visited the event, and the event has close successfully.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Aichi prefectural government, and JAVADA went over to run a Japan booth at the event to promote Japan's eagerness to host WorldSkills Competition 2023. Japan also contributed to boost up the event by providing technical support to electronic equipment assembly competition task in cooperation with Toyota Motor Corporation, and "Manufacturing team challenge" gold medal winners of WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017 (DENSO Corporation) performed a demonstration.

Japanese officials exchanged views on the importance of human resource development through skill competitions with non-member countries of WorldSkills International in the ASEAN region and supported the further development.

The next ASEAN Skills Competition will be held in Singapore in 2020.

(Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)



Skills Competitions :

WorldSkills International consists of 80 national members worldwide focusing on the development of skills for youth. WorldSkills Competition is organized every two years with the support of a host member. WorldSkills International encourages regional competitions organized regional members as well as national level competitions.

ASEAN Skills Competition is held every two years as the largest professional education event in Southeast Asia. Competing over real work challenges, Competitors from 10 ASEAN member countries perform specific tasks for each of the professional skills, as well as achieve international standards of quality.

Among ASEAN member countries, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar are not yet members of the WorldSkills International but trying to develop new technology and skills for their people through the ASEAN Skills Competition. Government of Japan is supporting them by various technical cooperation programs, hoping their joining to WorldSkills Competition in near future.

The first ASEAN Skills Competition was held 1995 in Malaysia. The 12th ASEAN Skills Competition was held in Thailand this year. The ASEAN Skills Competition took place three times each in Malaysia and Thailand, and twice each in Indonesia and Vietnam, once each in Philippines and Brunei Darussalam.

□ Training Report

■ Skill Evaluation Trial Turning 3rd Grade in Vietnam

In South Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh city), the first turning 3rd grade Skill Evaluation Trial (SET) was implemented in June 2015 at Ho Chi Minh Vocational College of Technology (HVCT). This SET took place between the 10th to the 13th of June 2018 was the third time in Ho Chi Minh city. This year, in order to strengthen our program in the southern region, we increased the number of training courses in Ho Chi Minh city from once last year to 3 times this year to meet the needs of local companies. We had 33 people from local Japanese companies applied to our course in this July, however due to the limited number of lathe was available at the host institute (HVCT), we struggled to select examinees fairly from as many different companies as possible. This time, 16 people participated in SET as examinees from six different companies, two people have passed both practical and theoretical exams. SET is an opportunity for companies to develop and evaluate their employees' skills and for the employees it is a place where they can find out their own competency levels. It is expected that the needs for SET will become higher and higher every year.



Practical exam



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■ Turning and Milling machine 2nd Grade Skill Evaluation Method in Vietnam

In order to self-reliantly carry on implementing Japanese style skill tests, it is essential for Vietnam to gain an ability to create theoretical exam questions, and establish a system to organize and utilize them. This time (between 16th to 18th of July) we have created a collection of theoretical exam true-false questions for turning and milling machine 2nd grade at Hanoi University of Industry (HaUI). We are planning to create multiple choice theoretical exam questions at Skill Evaluation Method September and November this year so that the Vietnam is going to be able to organize theoretical exam and run Japanese style skill tests on its own.



Seminar (HaUI)

We supported to create theoretical questions for turning 3rd grade in 2015 (a collection of 290 questions), and in 2016 milling machine 3rd grade (a collection of 250 questions). As a result, Vietnam has organized theoretical questions by itself and implemented Japanese style skill test of turning 3rd grade and milling machine 3rd grade independently by itself.

□FY2018 Skill Evaluation System promotion program (SESPP) Project implementation plan

SESPP implements various training courses in our target countries for the purpose of transferring the know-how of Japanese style skill test. We are planning to carry out following overseas courses in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Indonesia this year.

Skill Evaluation Trial (SET) is a simulated skill test for skill assessors and examinees.

If you are interested in participating in SET or would like to do a course visit as an observer, please contact SESPP secretariat via email. Please note that places for examinees are limited due to the number of available machines and equipment.

Target countries	Seminar and Trial	Implementation schedule
Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turning 3rd grade SET •Turning 2nd grade·Milling machine 2nd grade SEM (The 1st) •Turning 2nd grade·Milling machine 2rd grade SEM (The 2nd) •Turning 2nd grade SET •Sequence control 2nd grade SET •Turning 3rd grade SET •Turning 2nd grade·Milling machine 2nd grade SEM (The 3rd) •Mechanical inspection 3rd grade SAT, SET •Mechanical inspection 3rd grade SET •Sequence control 2nd grade SET 	10th to 13th July 16th to 18th July 6th , 7th, 10th September 11th to 14th September 23th to 26th October 13th to 16th November 21th to 23th November 7th to 11th January 14th to 17th January 14th to 17th January
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turning 3rd grade SEM •Power distribution panel 3rd grade VTM •Electric insulation (Competition trial, Demonstration) •Electric system maintenance 3rd grade SAT, SET •Sequence control 3rd grade SAT, SET •Turning 3rd grade VTM •Power distribution panel 3rd grade SET 	16th to 20th October 12th to 16th November 26th to 30th November 3rd to 7th December 11th to 15th December 11th to 15th December 15th to 18th January
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Metal press 2nd grade SET 	18th to 21st February

SEM :Skills Evaluation Method
SAT :Skills Assessor Training

SET : Skills Evaluation Trial
VTM : Vocational Training Method

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