

# Press release

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### **2007 International Skills Festival estimates 3,452 participants from 63 countries/regions in accreditation**

The 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition (WSC) and the 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilitylympics (IA) to be jointly organized in Shizuoka, this November under the banner of International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007, accredits 3,452 from 63 countries/regions which includes 836 competitors from 45 countries/regions for WSC and 425 contestants from 28 countries/regions for IA.

Especially, the 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition will become the largest event more than ever in the number of countries/regions, competitors and also delegates of which are judges, official delegates, technical delegates, official observers, observers, team leaders and interpreters. (The details are shown in table 1 and table 2.)

The confluence of both events will be the first time and an important chapter in their history. The joint opening will take place on Wednesday 14 November, followed by WSC through four days competing 48 skills categories and concurrently IA will continue for three days competing over 26 vocational skills and 6 leisure & living skills, each of which is one day competition (as shown in Table 3). The event will be an enthusiastic showcase of skilled champions on the world stage.

**Table 1) Accreditation status of International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007**

As of 20 August 2007

	2007 International Skills Festival	The 39 <sup>th</sup> WSC	The 7 <sup>th</sup> IA
		( ):latest in Helsinki, Finland 2005	( ): latest in New Deli, India 2003
Countries/Regions	6 3	4 6 ( 4 1 )	3 7 ( 3 3 )
Participants in total	3 , 4 5 2	2 , 4 7 2 ( 1 , 6 7 3 )	9 8 0 ( 1 , 1 1 6 )
Countries/Regions registered in competitions/contests	5 8	4 5 ( 3 9 )	2 8 ( 2 3 )
Competitors/Contestants	1 , 2 6 1	8 3 6 ( 6 9 6 )	4 2 5 ( 4 2 4 )

\* The accreditation status might be changed.

**Table 2) The list of participants in "International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007"**

Region	Country	39 <sup>th</sup> WorlSkills Competition		7 <sup>th</sup> International Abilympics	
		Total number of Participants	Competitors	Total number of Participants	Contestants
Asia	INDIA	24	5	42	31
	INDONESIA	41	17	20	15
	KOREA	153	47	100	27
	SINGAPORE	81	16	32	24
	SRI LANKA			10	6
	THAILAND	65	17	50	15
	CHINESE TAIPEI	138	44	54	19
	CHINA			50	33
	JAPAN	163	51	173	82
	PAKISTAN			13	6
	BANGLADESH			1	0
	PHILIPPINES			26	14

	BRUNEI	3	0		
	VIETNAM	30	9		
	HONG KONG	46	14	79	29
	MACAO	27	10		
	MALAYSIA	39	15	16	8
	NEPAL			2	2
North America, Central & South America	USA	21	5	22	0
	ECUADOR	9	3	8	5
	CANADA	138	29	2	0
	JAMAICA	16	4		
	BRAZIL	76	25		
	MEXICO	26	7		
Oceania	AUSTRALIA	66	28	11	6
	NEW ZEALAND	38	14		
Europe	IRELAND	92	26		
	UK	91	23		
	UKRAINE			13	5
	AUSTRIA	61	28	33	22
	NETHERLAND	60	26		
	CROATIA	13	4	5	3
	SWITZERLAND	88	40		
	SWEDEN	68	32	1	0
	SPAIN	44	8		
	SLOVAKIA			24	15
	CZECH			43	24
	DEMARK	29	12		
	GERMANY	68	29	7	0
	NORWAY	52	25		
	HUNGARY	14	4		
	FINLAND	100	45	69	4
	FRANCE	101	43		
	BELGIUM	55	18		
	PORTUGAL	58	18		
	SOUTH TYROL, ITALY	47	18		
LICHTENSTEIN	19	8			
LUXEMBOURG	13	5			
ESTONIA	10	4			

Middle East	UAE	48	19	38	15
	IRAN	73	21		
	QATAR			2	0
	KUWAIT			2	0
	SAUDI ARABIA	14	5	2	0
	LEBANON			5	3
Africa	GHANA			6	5
	KENYA			5	4
	CONGO			5	0
	SUDAN			6	2
	TUNISIA	14	5		
	SOUTH AFRICA	28	6		
	MOROCCO	12	4		
	RWANDA			3	1
Total		2472	836	980	425

63  
countries/regions in  
all

46  
countries/regions

37  
countries/regions

**Table 3) Diurnal Contests Program of International Abilympics**

**Vocational Skills Contest**

09:00 ~ on Thursday 15 November	Hrs.	09:00 ~ on Friday 16 November	Hrs.	09:00 ~ on Saturday 17 November	Hrs.
CAD-Machinery	4.5	CAD-Architecture	3	Artificial Limb Making	4.75
Creating Web Pages	3	Dress making (Advanced)	6	Basket Making	5
Date Processing (Advanced)	3	Electronic Circuit Connection Techniques	3	Computer Programming	6
Dress Making (Basic)	4	Furniture Making (Basic)	6	Data Processing (Basic)	2
Electronic Assembly & Testing	2	Mechanical Assembly	3	Dental Techniques	5
English Desktop Publishing	3	PC Assembly	4	English Text Processing	1.25
Floral Arrangement	3.25	Photography	6	Tailoring	6
Furniture Making (Advanced)	6	Poster Design	6	Wood Carving	5
Jewelry Making	5				
Precision Sheet Metal Work	2				

**Leisure and Living Skills Contest**

09:00 ~ on Thursday 15 November	Hrs.	09:00 ~ on Friday 16 November	Hrs.	09:00 ~ on Saturday 17 November	Hrs.
Embroidery	6	Hand-Knitting	6	Painting	6
				Pottery	6

**Information on International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007****[Program]**    Wednesday 14 November ~ Wednesday 21 November

Dates	39 <sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition	7 <sup>th</sup> International Abilympics
Wednesday 14	Joint Opening Ceremony	
Thursday 15	Competition Day 1	Contests & Marking, Demonstrations, Exhibition
Friday 16	Competition Day 2	Contests & Marking, Demonstrations, Exhibitions, International Convention
Saturday 17	Competition Day3	Contests & Marking, Demonstrations, Exhibition
Sunday 18	Competition Day4	Art Festival, Closing Ceremony (Awarding)
Monday 19	Marking	
Tuesday 20	Marking	
Wednesday 21	Closing Ceremony(Awarding)	

**[Venue of Joint Opening Ceremony]**    Granship (79-4, Ikeda, Suruga-ku, Shizuoka City)  
Nearby J R Higashi-Shizuoka Station

**[Competition Site]**    39<sup>th</sup> WSC ( Thursday 15 ~ Sunday 18 November)  
at Kadoike area (4044 Ooka), Numazu City  
7<sup>th</sup> IA (Thursday 15 ~ Saturday 17 November)  
at Twin Messe Shizuoka  
3-1-10, Magarikane, Suruga-ku, Shizuoka City

**[Venue of Closing Ceremony]**    39<sup>th</sup> WSC (Wednesday 21 November)

at Kira Messe Numazu, 1-4-1, Otemachi, Numazu City

7<sup>th</sup> IA (Sunday 18 November)

at Granship, Shizuoka City

- 【Host Organization】 Japan organizing Committee for International Skills Festival for All, Japan 2007 (JOCIS)
- 【Co-hosts】 WorldSkills International, International Ability Federation, Rehabilitation International, Shizuoka Prefecture, Shizuoka City, Numazu City
- 【Sponsorship】 Ministry of Health, labor and Welfare, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan Organization for Employment of the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, Employment and Human Resources Development Organization, The National Federation of Certified Skilled Workers Associations, National Governors Association, National Federation of Small Business Associations, Japan Vocational Ability Development Association, The Promotion Office of the WorldSkills Competition and the International Ability Federation of Shizuoka Prefecture Government, Japan Business Federation, The Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association, Japan Broadcasting Corporation, National Association of Commercial Broadcasters in Japan

【Information on Event】 <http://www.skillsfestival2007.or.jp/>

【Expected Visitors】 200, 000 or more visitors

### The 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition

The WorldSkills Competition has been held every two years since 1980s over the last a half century as the premier world event for the youth skills champions representing their nations/regions to facilitate new opportunities for skills innovation and to encourage the transfer of skills, knowledge and cultural exchange between participants and other young people across the world.

〈Age limit〉 not more than 22 years ( or 25 years or less for some skill categories)

〈Number of skill categories〉 48 skills/trades

〈Competition Time〉 22 hours

〈Skills/Trades〉

Polymechanics Automation	Telecommunication Distribution Technology	Manufacturing Team Challenge
Mechatronics	Mech. Eng. CADD	C N C Turning
C N C Milling	IT/Software Applications	Welding
Printing	Wall & Floor Tiling	Autobody Repair
Metal Roofing	Plumbing	Industrial Electronics
Web Design	Electrician Installations	Industrial Control
Bricklaying	Stone masonry	Painting & Decorating
Cabinetmaking	Joinery	Carpentry
Jewellery	Floristry	Ladies/mens Hairdressing
Beauty Therapy	Ladies Dressmaking	Confectioner/Pastry Cook
Automobile Technology	Cooking	Restaurant Service
Car Painting	Landscape Gardening	Refrigeration
IT/PC Network Support	Graphic Design Technology	Caring
Mobile Robotics	Mould making	Bakery
Mechanical Device Control	Construction Metal Works	Pattern Making
Plastering	Sheet Metal Technology	Animator*

\*Animator = demonstration

### The 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics is held every four years to focus on contests, demonstrations and exhibitions among the disabled and to promote increasing employment opportunities and vocational stability

{Qualifications of contestants} 15 years old or more with disabilities

{Skills Categories} 30 contests (26 vocational skills and 4 leisure & living skills)  
as shown in Table 3

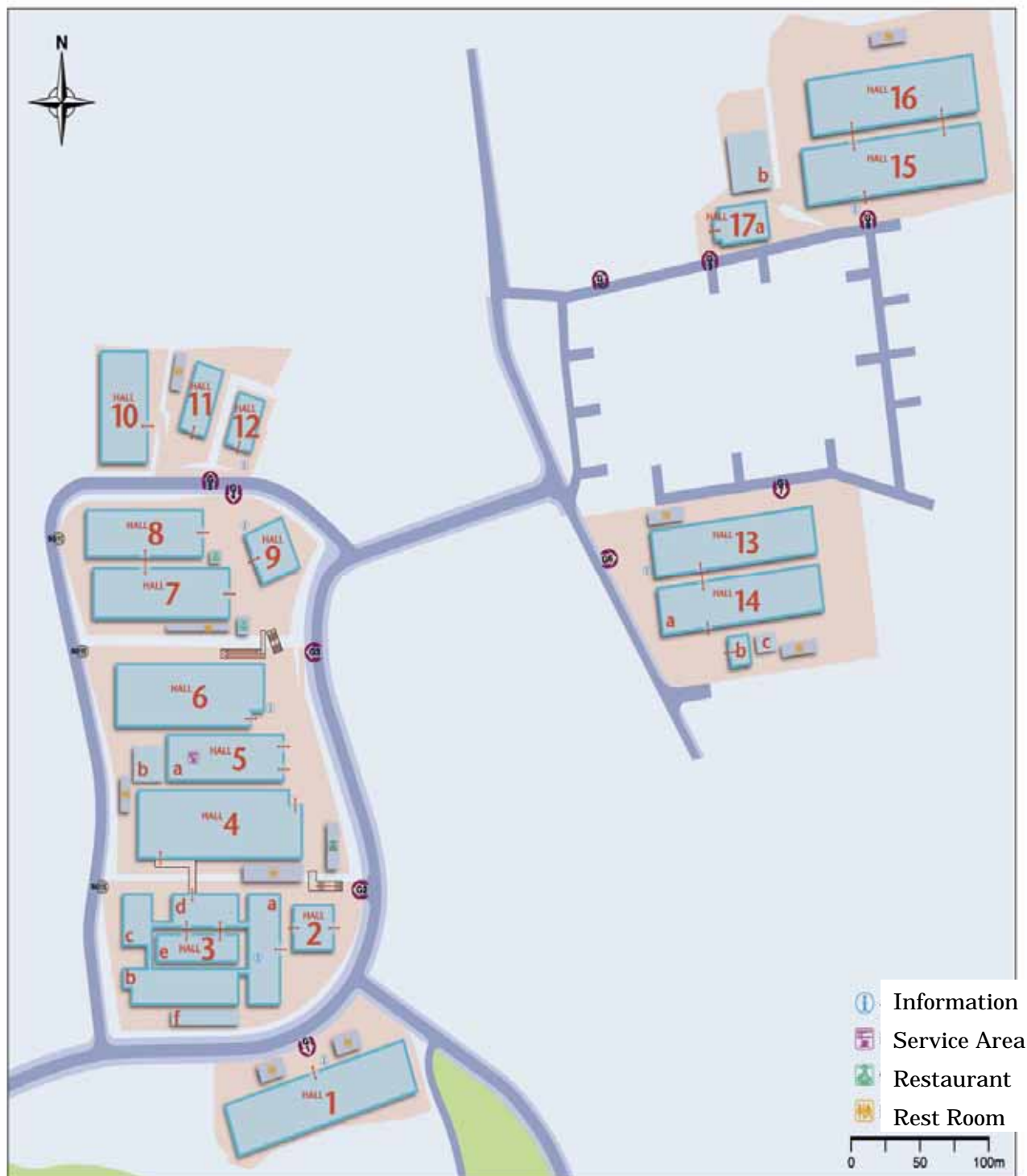
{Contest time } 6 hours or less



### Competition Site of the 39 WorldSkills Competition

#### 1 Layout ( Hall No 1 ~ No 17)

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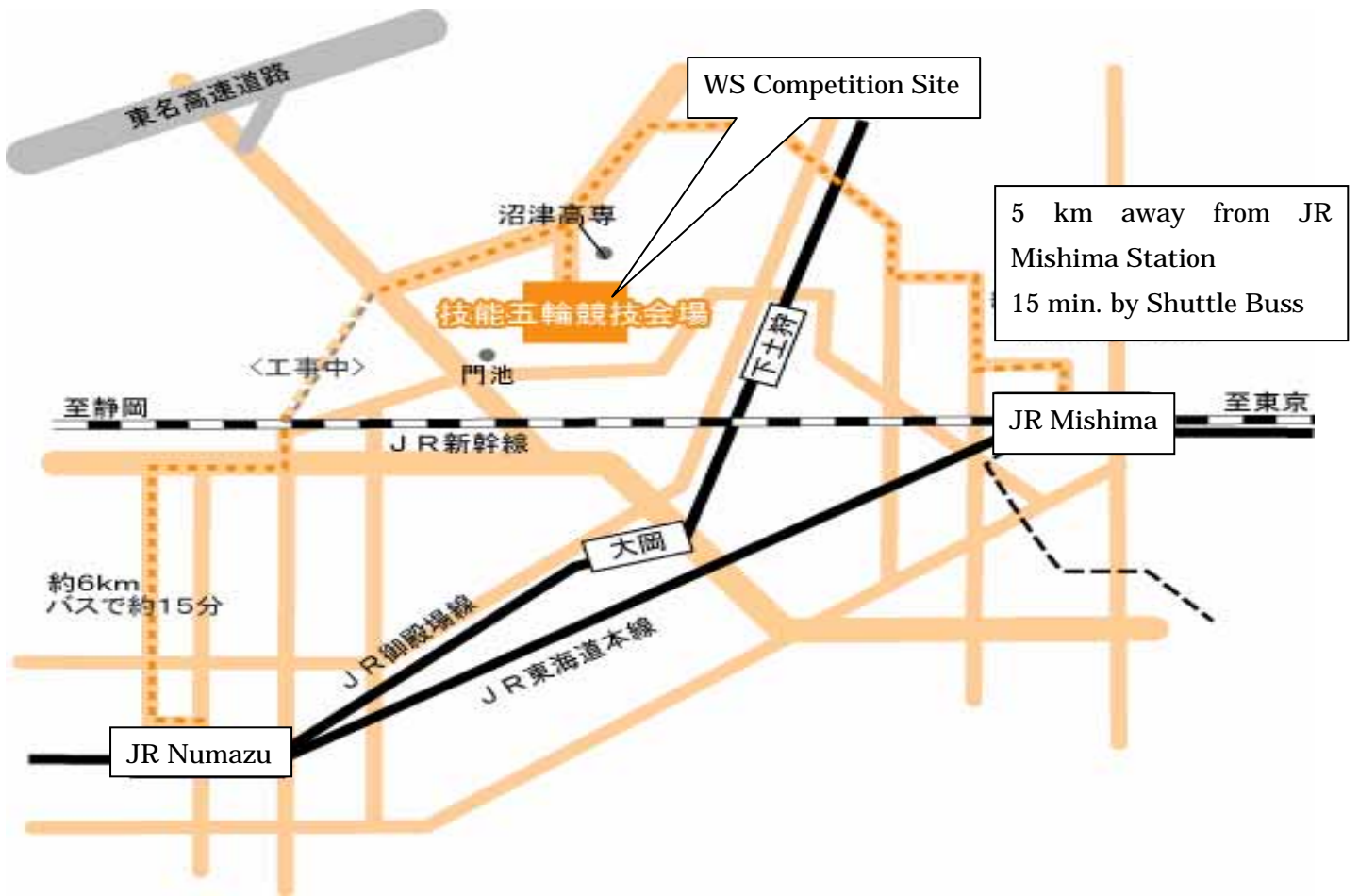
## 2 Functions of Halls

Hall No.		
1	Competition	Autobody Repair, Automobile Technology, Car Painting
2	Global Skills Village	Exhibition by country/regions
3	Administration	Secretariat, Conference rooms, Restaurants for Competitors, etc., First Aid, Day nursery
	Competition	Telecommunication Distribution Technology, Mechatronics, Mech. Eng. CADD, ITPC Network Support
4	Competition	Polymechanics Automation, Manufacturing Team Challenge, CNC Turning, CNC Milling, Printing
5	Sponsors Village	Exhibition by event sponsors
	Service area for visitors	Shops
6	Competition	Mechanical Device Control, Construction Metal Works, Mould Making, Pattern making, Sheet Metal Technology, Weldingt
7	Competition	Bakery, Confectioner/Pastry Cook, Cooking, Restaurant Service
8	Competition	Plumbing, Refrigeration
9	Japan Skills Village	Exhibitions of Skills in Japan
10	Competition	Wall & Floor Tiling, Bricklaying
11	Competition	IT/Software Applications, Web Design
12	Competition	Industrial Electronics
13	Competition	Caring, Jewellery, Ladies/Men s Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Ladies Dressmaking
14	Competition	Floristry, Landscape Gardening, Stonemasonry
15	Competition	Plastering, Metal Roofing, Cabinetmaking, Joinery, Carpentry
16	Competition	Electrical Installation, Industrial Control, Painting & Decorating, Graphic Design
17	Competition	Mobile Robotics

1) Skills Competition lasts 22 hours over four days from 15 – 18 November.

2) Visitors will be admitted to enter into Halls: 10:00-17:00 on 15 November, 10:00-17:00 from 16-17 November, 09:00-16:00 on 18 November.

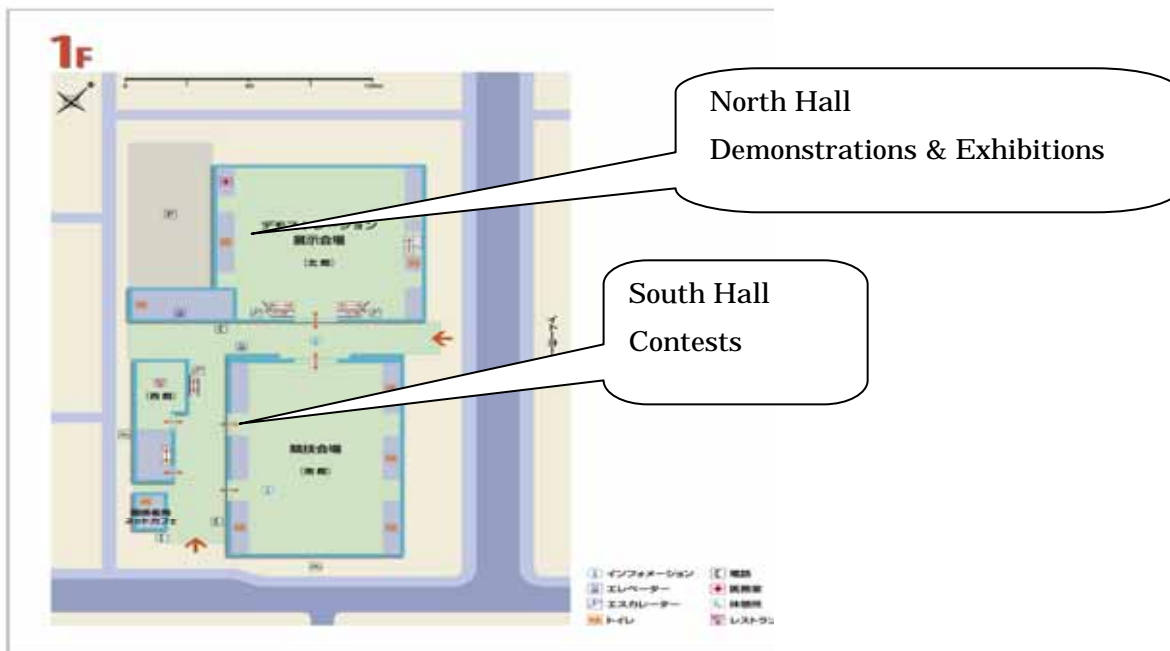
### 3 Directions to the 39<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills Competition Site



NB. During the four days competition, Shuttle bus service from JR Mishima and JR Numazu will be available for visitors..

## Competition Site of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics

### 1 Layout



### 2 Directions to the Venue of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Abilympics



During the 3 days Contests, Shuttle Bus service from JR Shizuoka and JR East Shizuoka will be available for visitors.