

News Release

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## WorldSkills Competition 2022 (Kyoto) Gold Medal in Information Network Cabling!

Toru Ebihara, an employee at EXEO Group, Inc. (head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; Tetsuya Funabashi, President), entered the Information Network Cabling skills category and won a Gold Medal at the WorldSkills Competition 2022 held at Miyako Messe convention center (Kyoto) from October 15 to 18.



The WorldSkills Competition is held once every two years with the goal of promoting vocational training in participating countries and international exchange and friendly relations among young technicians by having competitors (under 22, except for certain skills) from countries around the world compete based on specific skills. More than 1,000 competitors from 58 countries and regions competed in 62 skills for this Competition.

Competitors from 12 countries and regions competed in Information Network Cabling, the skill that Ebihara competed in. They competed on application and measurements skills required in building the foundations of information network cabling, and took on five challenges that required extremely delicate skills to ensure information network reliability, safety, and speed: 1) optic fiber cable wiring systems, 2) general wiring systems, 3) wireless smart home application skills, 4) an optical interconnection speed competition, and 5) troubleshooting.

The entire competition was to be held in Shanghai, China, but was cancelled due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to an overwhelming call to hold the competition, alternative locations were discussed, and it was decided to hold the Competition separately across 15 countries, including Japan.

Ebihara won the Gold Medal despite the immense pressure of Japan's nine consecutive victories in international competitions with the same skill. With the full backing of the Olympic Training Team, he demonstrated confidence from winning fiercely competitive Japanese competitions and the results of rigorous training in preparation for this competition.

EXEO Group hopes to continue contributing to society by strengthening and improving its technical strength and by training outstanding technicians.

#### Results of EXEO Group Competitors in WorldSkills Competition Information Network Cabling

Competition	Location	Competitor	Results
WorldSkills Competition 2005	Helsinki, Finland	Daisuke Kominato	Gold Medal
WorldSkills Competition 2007	Shizuoka, Japan	Yuki Yamaguchi	Gold Medal
WorldSkills Competition 2009	Calgary, Canada	Shigehiro Nose	Gold Medal
WorldSkills Competition 2011	London, UK	Haruki Morino	Gold Medal
WorldSkills Competition 2017	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Yoshiaki Shimizu	Gold Medal
WorldSkills Competition 2022	Kyoto, Japan	Toru Ebihara	Gold Medal

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