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Ghana’s maiden National Skills Competition organized under the auspices of the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (CoTfET) with the support of Ghana Skills Development Initiative has opened in Accra.

The three-day competition for both public and private technical and vocational education and training institutions across the country was aimed at showcasing and inspiring excellence in skills development as well as introducing the youth to a variety of skilled careers.

The competition which also aimed at generating greater awareness on the importance of technical and vocational education, and the development of skills for global economies would have the best students representing Ghana at the African competition in Kigali, Rwanda, this year.

Speaking at the event yesterday, Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education, said as part of efforts to promote skills development in Ghana, government through CoTfET had planned to join World Skills International (WSI) as an associate member and then later as a full member.

He said the country would select contestants to represent Ghana in next year’s world skills competition organized by WSI, an international body that brings together young people, industry, government, and educational institutions to promote and develop the benefit and the need for skilled trades professionals who are world champions of technical and vocational skills.

Dr. Prempeh said a team of five were sent to observe the previous world skills competition at Abu Dhabi last year which eventually paved the way for the organization of national skills competition to kick start the current competition.

Mr. Francis Awua-Kyeremanteng, CoTfET Board Chairman said with the competition, emphasis was placed in equipping competitors with competitive skills so as to achieve the expected human capital for socio-economic development.

“For us in Ghana, to achieve this all important human resource, we need to ensure that our technical and vocational education and training institutions are well equipped with the relevant tools, equipment, consumables well trained and qualified facilitators and relevant, well developed curriculum that meet industry standards,” he said.

Mr. Awua-Kyeremanteng said skills creating opportunities and connecting societies were the foundation of economic development. Therefore, it was expected that the national skill competition would change the perception of technical and vocational training.

Dr. Fred Asiamah, Executive Director of CoTfET, in a welcome address said, out of the 450 applications received, these students were selected from various skills displayed during the Northern and Southern Zonal competitions, adding that it contributed to the development of skills standards in Ghana to bring the nation closer to the world standards.

There were goodwill messages from the German Embassy, delegation of the European Union to Ghana, Swiss Embassy and the GIZ.

In all, about 70 students assembled in Accra to compete in manufacturing and engineering technology, which involved welding, metal works and mechanics, information and communication technology (IT), software solutions for business and information communication and technology (e-learn technology and graphic design technology).

The skill categories were construction and building technology (auto body repair, auto body spraying, and auto mobile technology) and social and personal services (baking and cooking for catering beauty therapy and hair-dressing for cosmetology).
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Online media:

02.11.2018
National Skills Development Competition slated for November 6

06.11.2018
National Skills Competition launched
http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/national-skills-competition-launched-141203

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Maiden National Skills Contests opens in Accra
08.11.2018 National Skills Competition proof of gov’t’s commitment to technical and vocational training – Dr. Fred Asamoah

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Social Media and Videos:
Facebook DTV1 Several videos uploaded from 6th-9th November 2018:
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20.11.2018 Facebook GSDI’s own video production
https://www.facebook.com/GhanaSkills/

05.11.2018 Youtube: Joy FM
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