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Who won the gold medal? JATCO Basic Skills Championship 2024

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This year, 30 medalists were born

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The JATCO Basic Skills Championship was held over two days, September 12th and 13th.

Following on from last year, 32 fierce competitors who won the qualifying rounds at global production sites (JATCO Mexico, JATCO Thailand, JATCO Guangzhou, JATCO Suzhou) gathered in Fuji Area1 this year. A total of 10 events were held, with a total of 125 people competing with their skills. Who won the only 10 gold medals?



Opening ceremony and the venue

- Tough athletes from overseas plants gather

The temperature inside the gym that day was 33 degrees. In the scorching heat of the summer, when just standing made you sweat, Mr. Yamada from First Powertrain Manufacturing Section No. 1 took the athlete's oath in a lively voice that echoed throughout the gymnasium, and the battle finally began. The competition will cover 10 categories: machining, assembly, logistics, heat treatment, casting, forging, maintenance machinery, maintenance electrical engineering, quality assurance, and improvement. As the name of the competition suggests, the deciding factor in the Basic Skills Championship is whether or not you can perform basic movements accurately, in the correct order, and within the time limit.

The overseas athletes arrived in Japan a few days before the event and underwent 2.5 days of practice in an environment identical to that of the actual event. During the practice, the coach constantly watched over the students and gave them personal advice on how to avoid making mistakes in an unfamiliar environment. On the other hand, the Japanese athletes were seen practicing on their own after working hours and using training equipment homemade in their respective departments, under the guidance of their superiors and seniors. The 125 athletes will compete with 125 different thoughts and feelings in mind.



The order of the competition will be decided by drawing lots fairly (Improvement Division)

- Who won the medal?

A total of 30 medalists were awarded in all 10 events. Last year, overseas teams won 17 medals, demonstrating the improvement in manufacturing capabilities at overseas bases, but this year the Japanese teams made a comeback, winning 10 medals compared to 20 medals for the overseas teams, restoring their dignity to Japan.

- Interview with Ms. Hagiwara, the first female silver medalist in the forging division

(The tournament) was very nerve-wracking, but it was fun. When I heard I had won the silver medal, I was surprised and at the same time very happy. I thought it might be difficult because my time was a little slow, but I think they appreciated my accuracy. We owe it all to Mr. Maezawa, the factory manager, who took the time to practice with us despite his busy schedule. In September of last year, I was transferred from the Second Manufacturing Section to the Forging Section and was in charge of tooling improvements, but since April of this year I have been involved in a wide range of improvement activities as part of the Forging Section. Since

joining JATCO, I have specialized in gear processing and developed my measurement skills, so I think that experience has been useful.

I think I'll be nervous at the Nissan competition, but as a representative of JATCO, I'll do my best and do my best to win a prize!



Ms. Hagiwara was the first woman to win a prize in the forging category.

The top winners will then move on to the Nissan Tournament. Let's continue to support them so that they can aim for even greater heights and achieve good results at the Nissan Region Tournament.



### Machining

1st Place: Yamane, Prototype Division

2nd place: Yamada, First Powertrain Manufacturing Division

3rd Place: Ekachai from JATCO Thailand



Assembly

1st Place: Sathit, JATCO Thailand

2nd place: Edgar, JATCO Mexico

3rd Place: Sompol, JATCO Thailand



## Logistics

1st Place: Momose , First Powertrain, Fourth Manufacturing Section

2nd place: Ishimoto, First Powertrain Manufacturing Division, First Manufacturing Section

3rd place: Kowit, JATCO Thailand



### Heat treatment

1st place: Iida, 2nd Powertrain Manufacturing Division

2nd place: Ishikawa, 2nd Powertrain Manufacturing Division

3rd place: Yoshikawa, Daini Yagi Manufacturing Division



Casting

1st place: Akaike, Casting Department

2nd place: Asahina, Casting Department

3rd Place: Konkamon, JATCO Thailand





Forging

1st place: Kakuyama, Forging Section

2nd place: Hagiwara, Forging Section

3rd place: Nagahashi, Forging Section



Maintenance Electricity

1st Place: Yamamoto, Maintenance Technology Division

2nd Place: Kinoshita, Maintenance Technology Division

3rd place: Muramatsu, Maintenance Technology Division



Maintenance Machinery

1st place: Shinohara, Maintenance Technology Division

2nd Place: Ampon ,JATCO Thailand

3rd place: Muramatsu, Maintenance Technology Division



Quality

1st Place: Chen, JATCO Suzhou

2nd place: Watchara, JATCO Thailand

3rd place: Kato, Quality Planning Division



### Kaizen

1st Place: Ogata, JEPS General Affairs Department

2nd place: Juan, Jatco Mexico

3rd place: Hoshino, JEPS General Affairs Department

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### ● Video

All events revealed at once! We'll show you all the exciting battles!

