

Silver Medal in Carpentry Category of 41st WorldSkills Competition
—Shota Mori of Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering—

At the 41st WorldSkills Competition held in London on October 4, Shota Mori, an employee of the Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering Co., Ltd. (President: Tetsuya Kobayashi; Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and responsible for construction and supervision of *Sumitomo Forestry Home* houses), one of the group companies under the Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Akira Ichikawa; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), won a silver medal in the carpentry category.

This prize follows previous achievements by employees of Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering in the WorldSkills Competition, namely a Medallion for Excellence won in the 35th competition by Akira Kajita (of the Tokai Office) and a silver medal won in the 39th competition by Michinori Ikeda (of the Hyogo Office).

■ Results in WorldSkills Competition

41st event in UK (London)	2011	Shota Mori (Hyogo Office)	Silver
39th event in Japan (Shizuoka)	2007	Michinori Ikeda (Hyogo Office)	Silver
35th event in Canada (Montreal)	1999	Akira Kajita (Tokai Office)	Medallion for Excellence

Mr. Mori participated in the carpentry category, which took place over four days, starting on October 5. He was required to build a wooden model within a 22 hour time limit, as one of 15 participants from 15 countries. The event included all stages from creating technical drawings, marking out and processing parts, right up to assembly. Point-scoring aspects included the creation of accurate drawings and marking out in accordance with the problem, technical abilities such as the accuracy of processing of the materials, dimensional accuracy and accuracy of assembly, and speed of work.

The “processed condition,” “dimensional accuracy,” “assembled state” and “workmanship” were judged. Marking out, processing, assembly, and installation are vital techniques used in wood construction. In this event, competition took place in the five modules of “foundations,” “posts and beams,” “roofs,” “skylights” and “floors.” When the event started, Mr. Mori worked calmly, posting scores which matched France and Germany in all categories, and scoring particularly well in the “workmanship” category. In the final results, the gold medal went to Korea, the silver to Japan and France, and the bronze to Germany.

Held once every two years, the WorldSkills Competition is an international competition which has the objectives of promoting work training in the participating countries and promoting friendly relations between young craftsmen from different countries. The winners of the National Skills Competition held in the year preceding the international competition are selected as the Japanese representatives on condition that they meet the entry requirements (except for certain job categories, participants must be 22 years old or younger). In this year’s international competition, approximately 1,000 young craftsmen from 51 countries and regions participated, and events to find the world’s best were held in 46 job categories.

■ **Corporate Profile of Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering Co., Ltd**

1. Established: April 1, 1985
2. President: Tetsuya Kobayashi
3. Capital: 75 million yen (wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.)
4. Annual revenue: 82.5 billion yen (for fiscal year ended March 31, 2011)
5. Head Office: 1-23-7 Nishi-shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
6. Business locations: 15 departments and 2 offices nationwide (as of September 30, 2011)
7. Number of employees: 852 (as of September 30, 2011)
8. Business activities: Construction of *Sumitomo Forestry Home* houses
9. Website: <http://www.sumirin-he.co.jp/>

■ **Summary of Sumitomo Forestry School of Professional Building Techniques**

1. Opened: April 1, 1988
2. Head: Seiji Suzuki
3. Address: 1144 Shikawatashi, Yotsukaido City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan
4. Summary: This vocational training school, which is recognized by the Chiba Prefectural Government, is run by Sumitomo Forestry Co. Ltd., Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering Co., Ltd., and Sumitomo Forestry Home Tech Co., Ltd. The school trains the next generation of construction craftsmen in traditional techniques and the theories of new techniques to support handover of wooden post-and-beam construction methods to the next generation.
5. Website: <http://sfc.jp/kgs/index.html>



Mr. Mori in action in the carpentry category of the WorldSkills Competition