

Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering Awarded Silver in Carpentry Category at 28th Skills Grand Prix

Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering Co., Ltd. (President: Yasuyuki Yamamoto; Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd., announced that it was awarded silver in the carpentry category at the 28th Skills Grand Prix held at Makuhari Messe (Chiba City, Chiba) and other locations (sponsors: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the Japan Vocational Ability Development Association (JAVADA)).

◆Carpentry category: Silver Ryoei Matsuya (Chiba Center, Chiba Office)

The Skills Grand Prix is a tournament in which skilled technicians compete to be the best in Japan. The competing participants are certified skilled technicians who have passed advanced grade, first grade or non-classified grade skills tests and who have gained a certain degree of practical experience. Whereas the National Skills Competition is a skills competition for young craftsmen (in principle, aged 23 or younger), the Skills Grand Prix has no age restrictions. It is a nationwide competition of skills, held in alternate years, in which participants pit their expertise and skills against each other in their relevant occupational categories.

About 444 skilled technicians pitted their skills against each other in 28 occupational categories at various venues in Chiba Prefecture and other places over four days between February 20 (Friday) and February 23 (Monday). Ryoei Matsuya from Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering competed for the first time in this competition, representing Chiba Prefecture, and was awarded silver in the carpentry category.

<Profile> Ryoei Matsuya (Chiba Center, Chiba Office)

2010	Completed course at Sumitomo Forestry School of Professional Building Techniques (22nd graduating class)	
2010	48th National Skills Competition	Bronze
2011	49th National Skills Competition	Silver
2015	28th Skills Grand Prix	Silver



<Grand Prix topic: Work by Ryoei Matsuya>

After completing their course at the Sumitomo Forestry School of Professional Building Techniques, graduates are involved in building Sumitomo Forestry Home houses as employee carpenters at Sumitomo Forestry Home Engineering. In addition to acquiring a good balance of knowledge and practical skills, each carpenter strives to gain practical experience. While continuing to improve their building skills, the carpenters construct structural frameworks for technologically sophisticated Sumitomo Forestry Home houses, playing a part in the building of safe and reliable homes.



<Matsuya during competition>

<Comment by Ryoei Matsuya, Chiba Office>

I was really surprised when I found out the result. The time limit was tough, and I was worried because I couldn't shorten my time during practice. But I concentrated on the goal of completing my work during the allotted time. Through the Grand Prix, in addition to getting a real feel for the level of other technicians around the country, I was also able to interact with them. Going forward, I will endeavor to develop my skills further.

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About Sumitomo Forestry

Founded in 1691, Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. and its Group companies have broadened business activities focused on wood. Based on its corporate philosophy—“utilize timber as a renewable, healthy and environmentally friendly natural resource, and contributes to a prosperous society through all types of housing-related services”— and with its approximately 250,000 hectares of owned and managed forest, the global network that spans more than 20 countries and expertise and technology in housing-related businesses, Sumitomo Forestry Group is developing the Forestry and Environment Business, the Timber and Building Materials Business, the Housing Business, the Overseas Business, the Lifestyle Service Business and other businesses both in Japan and abroad. Adding such businesses as wooden biomass power generation and Timber Solution, it will continue to pursue the potential of timber.

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