

WITNESS EXCELLENCE

**WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA
BUSINESS DELEGATION TO SHANGHAI
21 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2026**



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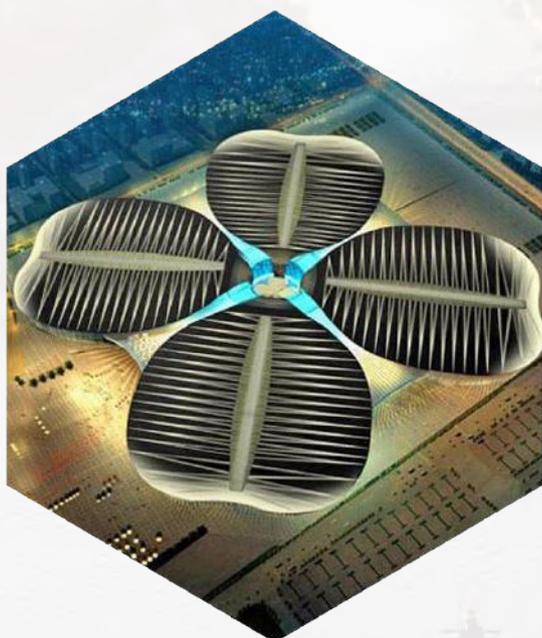


Experience WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

Join WorldSkills Australia's business delegation to witness the Skillaroos compete on the world stage at the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, China. From 22 to 27 September 2026, over 1,500 of the world's most talented young competitors from 89 countries will showcase their excellence across more than 60 trades and technologies, each aiming to be crowned World Champion in their skill at this premier global event.

Held at the expansive National Exhibition and Convention Center (NECC) in Qingpu District – covering 300,000m² of exhibition space – the Competition is expected to attract an audience of over 600,000 visitors. Delegates will gain unique insights into international best practice in skills training, TVET, education, and workforce development.

The WorldSkills Australia business delegation program is designed to maximise your experience through exclusive networking opportunities with international member countries, government representatives, and WorldSkills International's global industry partners. This includes curated forums to connect with key stakeholders driving vocational education and training (TVET) globally, opening pathways for bilateral collaborations, benchmarking, and innovation exchange.





Delegates will also attend the WorldSkills Conference 2026, where policy makers, industry leaders, educators, and youth will gather to explore how vocational skills can address the challenges of tomorrow and drive economic growth, innovation, and sustainability worldwide.

In addition, the program will look to feature visits to leading Chinese TVET institutions to provide first-hand understanding of their education systems, infrastructure, and industry engagement models.

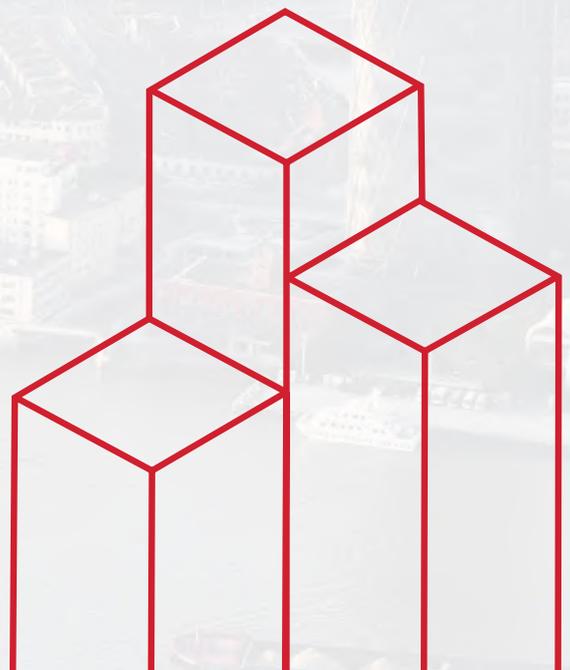
We plan to enrich your experience with a visit to the WorldSkills Museum, located in Shanghai's historic Left Bund precinct. Housed in a century-old heritage building, the museum showcases six permanent exhibition zones and a collection of more than 2,000 artefacts, celebrating the past, present, and future of skills while highlighting their critical role in advancing human civilisation.

This is an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the global skills movement, expand your professional networks, and bring back insights that will shape the future of skills development in Australia.

Don't miss out—register now to secure your spot and be part of this exciting experience!

Click the link and join us today!

Register here!



The Itinerary

Monday, 21 September 2026

- Arrive at Designated 5-Star (Tier B) Hotel, Shanghai, China
- Team Australia Delegates & Supporters Welcome Function

Welcome function hosted by WorldSkills Australia. Meet fellow delegates and members of the Supporters Tour (friends, family and members of the WSA network) who will make up the members of Team Australia 'cheer squad'.

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

- China-Australia Vocational Education Forum, Shanghai University of Engineering Science (SUES)

This forum provides a high-level platform for deepening collaboration between China and Australia in vocational education. It highlights China's achievements and practical approaches while enabling shared exploration of policy, system development, and industry-education integration. The forum also showcases Australia's TAFE expertise and quality standards, supports cooperation in joint curriculum development, teacher training, and student exchanges, and advances alignment in skills development. Its overarching goal is to strengthen long-term, practical partnerships that enhance vocational education and training outcomes for both countries.

- Shanghai University of Engineering Science (SUES) Campus & Training Base Tour

SUES is a leading application-oriented public university in Shanghai with a strong engineering focus and over 26,000 students across multiple campuses. A national model for industry-education integration, it works closely with major enterprises such as Shanghai Electric, Shentong Metro, and COMAC to deliver practice-rich programs aligned with industry needs. As a key WorldSkills training base, SUES integrates international skills standards into its teaching and has a strong record in national skills competitions. With partnerships spanning 110 institutions in 30+ countries, SUES offers a robust international environment supporting the China-Australia Vocational Education Summit Forum. Tour will include Robotics Club & Laboratory, Aviation Flight Laboratory, 5G Data Analysis Laboratory and Rail Transit Laboratory.

- 48th WorldSkills Competition, Shanghai, China Opening Ceremony

Witness the parade of nations and applaud Team Australia as they enter the ceremony and are officially welcomed to the Shanghai, China and the 48th WorldSkills Competition.

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

- WorldSkills Competition – Day 1

Day 1 marks an exciting start to WorldSkills Shanghai as the competition floor comes alive with energy and anticipation. It's the perfect time for delegates to explore the venue, get familiar with the layout, and locate the Australian competitors proudly flying the flag across their respective skill areas. Take this opportunity to see the team, their workspaces, and gain a first glimpse into the world-class standards and preparation that define Team Australia's presence on the global stage.

- WorldSkills Conference – Shaping A Skills-Driven Future - Day 1

Explore how to strengthen and scale skills systems for the future – from building human-centred, sustainable TVET ecosystems to driving international cooperation for skills recognition and mobility. Conference Coalition Partners include, Federal Ministry of Education & Research, GAN Global, International Labour Organization, OECE, UNESCO, United National Industrial Development Organisation, The World Bank, African Union, European Commission, WorldSkills and WorldSkills China.

- WorldSkills Australia Delegates Dinner

Delegates Dinner hosted by WorldSkills Australia. A cultural dinner with fellow members of the Delegation. A night of good food and conversation.

Thursday, 24 September 2026

- WorldSkills Competition – Day 2

On Day 2, the competition floor buzzes with momentum as projects begin to take shape and competitors hit their stride. The venue fills with school groups and public visitors, all eager to witness the power of skills in action. Their curiosity and enthusiasm bring a vibrant atmosphere, showcasing the impact and inspiration that skilled careers offer. It's a day of progress, pride, and growing excitement as Team Australia continues to demonstrate excellence on the world stage.

- WorldSkills Conference – Shaping A Skills-Driven Future – Day 2

Day 2 of the conference explores how technology and collaboration are reshaping the future of skills. Sessions will explore AI's real impact on tomorrow's workforce, practical tools for embracing digital innovation in TVET, and new approaches to transforming teaching and training in the digital age. Day 2 will also include guided tours around WorldSkills Competition 2026 and Expo, providing insider's view of the skill competitions, educational activations and Try-a-Skills that showcase the full spectrum of skills in action.

- Free Night

Friday, 25 September 2026

- WorldSkills Competition – Day 3

Day 3 brings heightened intensity as the competition enters its third day. The tension builds across the hall, with every detail and decision carrying weight as competitors push their skills to the limit. Team Australia continues to impress, focused and determined, while delegates and spectators witness firsthand the precision, dedication, and expertise that define world-class performance. The energy is electric, marking a pivotal moment in the journey toward medal success.

- WorldSkills Conference – Shaping A Skills-Driven Future – Day 3

Day 3 focusses on the future of the global TVET agenda and the role individual countries play in advancing a skills-driven future. Conference participants will also visit on fieldtrips of China's TVET system (additional to Australia's only field trip to SUES), explore innovative collaborations with industry, and experience the WorldSkills Museum.

- WorldSkills Conference and Partners Reception

Delegates as Conference guests will join WorldSkills, Global Partners and Event Sponsors for a fantastic networking opportunity and reception.

Saturday, 26 September 2026

- WorldSkills Competition – Day 4

Day 4 is the final push—join the countdown to the finish! Join the supporters' tour to cheer on each Australian competitor as they complete their projects. Surround them with green and gold, celebrate their dedication, and make them feel like the skills champions they truly are. It's a day of pride, excitement, and unforgettable support as Team Australia races toward the finish line.

- WorldSkills Australia Roundtable

An Australian Roundtable aimed to promote conversation and the exchange of information, ideas and reflection on the topics that affect and influence the Australian VET Sector.

- WorldSkills Australia/WorldSkills Member Roundtable

Join in targeted conversations and information exchange with other WorldSkills Member countries. In 2024, WorldSkills Australia and WorldSkills UK joined forces to discuss each countries VET Sector and how collaboration could improve and strengthen relations. In 2026, this type of opportunity will be offered again with details, and which countries will participate to be confirmed at a later date.

- Team Australia Celebration

Celebrate the conclusion of Team Australia's WorldSkills campaign at the Team Australia Celebration Night. Mingle with the Skillaroos, share in their achievements, hear their stories from the competition floor, and toast the dedication, skill, and teamwork that brought them this far. It's an evening of pride, camaraderie, and celebration of world-class talent.

Sunday, 27 September 2026

- Free Time while results are being collated
- 48th WorldSkills Competition Closing Ceremony

The moment of truth arrives at the WorldSkills Closing Ceremony—will the Aussies bring home medals? Join the excitement as the Skillaroos await the announcement of gold, silver, bronze, and Medallions for Excellence. Tension, anticipation, and pride fill the air as Team Australia's skill, dedication, and hard work are celebrated on the global stage.

Monday, 28 September 2026

- Departure

Please Note: The above itinerary is indicative and is subject to change depending on timing and confirmation of events/visits.



Package Inclusions

Joining WorldSkills Australia Business Delegation means you will be registered as a WorldSkills Member Observer and receive official accreditation. The package is an “in country” package, excluding meals (unless indicated) with the following anticipated inclusions. Please note International airfares are not included and are the individuals responsibility.

Package Pricing:

Single Package - Single Room - 1 Delegate: \$5,525 AUD

Couple Package - 1 Delegate plus Partner (No Conference, Roundtable or Tour): \$7,790 AUD

The Delegation will involve the following:

- 7 Nights Accommodation
- TVET Institution Site Tour (includes transfers)
- Industry Site Tour (includes transfers)
- Competition Accreditation
- Welcome Cocktail Function
- Daily Transfers
- WorldSkills Global Conference Entry
- Access to WorldSkills VIP and Partner Networking Opportunities
- Opening and Closing Ceremony Tickets
- Skillaroo Celebration Event
- WhatsApp group during delegation
- Networking Opportunities
- Roundtables with other Member Countries
- WorldSkills Museum Visit
- Official Supporters Team Australia Merchandise including backpack, polo tops, jacket and Australian pins



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Australia's Skills for Shanghai

Construction & Building Technology

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Electrical Installations
- Landscape Gardening
- Painting & Decorating
- Plumbing & Heating
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Wall & Floor Tiling



Creative Arts & Fashion

- 3D Digital Game Art
- Fashion Technology
- Floristry
- Graphic Design Technology
- Jewellery



Information & Communications Technology

- Cloud Computing
- Cyber Security
- Software Applications Development
- Web Technologies



Manufacturing & Engineering Technology

- Additive Manufacturing
- Industrial Control
- Industry 4.0
- Industrial Mechanics
- Mechatronics
- Welding



Social & Personal Services

- Bakery
- Beauty Therapy
- Cooking
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- Patisserie & Confectionary
- Restaurant Service



Transport & Logistics

- Autobody Repair
- Automobile Technology
- Car Painting
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanics





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