



Michael Kirkwood-Smith is off to the WorldSkills International Competition.

IT man's mega-bite

A WARRAWEE resident is set to take on the rest of the world at the 39th WorldSkills International Competition in Japan.

Michael Kirkwood-Smith, 21, will battle it out in an Olympic-style competition against 47 countries in a bid to become the world's best IT software engineer in November.

He was acknowledged as one of Australia's best when

he won the gold medal at the WorldSkills Australia National Competition in May last year.

Now he will join the Skillaroos to represent Australia in Japan.

The Skillaroos is a team of 27 young Australians representing various trades and skills who will compete in the four-day program, witnessed by about 200,000 visitors.

The Australian team represents 24 categories including bricklaying, landscape gardening, beauty therapy, floristry, web design and welding.

"The whole experience has been unbelievable," Mr Kirkwood-Smith said.

"It is my greatest achievement to get from the nationals to representing my country and field in Japan."