



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce
在日アイルランド商工会議所

Complete Guide to Membership 2026



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A word from our President



Sarah Hickey

President

Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to the Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce.

It is a privilege to serve as President of the IJCC and to welcome you to our community. As the first female President in the Chamber's history, I am honoured to help lead the IJCC into its next chapter, building on the strong foundations laid by those who came before us.

Ireland and Japan share a relationship built on trust, innovation and mutual respect. As that relationship continues to grow, so too does the opportunity to bring people together, create new partnerships and inspire fresh ideas. The IJCC exists to help make those connections happen.

Our vision is to build an inclusive, diverse and forward-looking Chamber where everyone feels welcome and has the opportunity to contribute. We believe our greatest strength is our people. By bringing together members with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, we create an environment where collaboration thrives; innovation flourishes and meaningful opportunities emerge.

The IJCC is more than a business network; it is a community. Whether you are an entrepreneur, business leader, student, professional or someone with an interest in Ireland and Japan, there is a place for you here. Through our events, committees, partnerships and advocacy, we create opportunities to connect, learn and grow together.

We are proud to champion Brand Ireland while celebrating the unique strengths of Japan, fostering relationships that create lasting commercial, cultural and social value. Above all, we believe that strong relationships are at the heart of every successful business and every thriving community.

Whether you are looking to expand your business, develop your career, broaden your network or simply connect with like-minded people, I hope you will discover a community where you feel welcomed, supported and inspired.

The IJCC is shaped by its members. Every conversation, every new idea and every collaboration help define who we are and where we are going. Together, we are building a Chamber that embraces innovation, encourages positive change and reflects the energy and ambition of the modern Ireland-Japan relationship.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce.

We hope to welcome you to our community and to build the future of the Ireland-Japan relationship together.

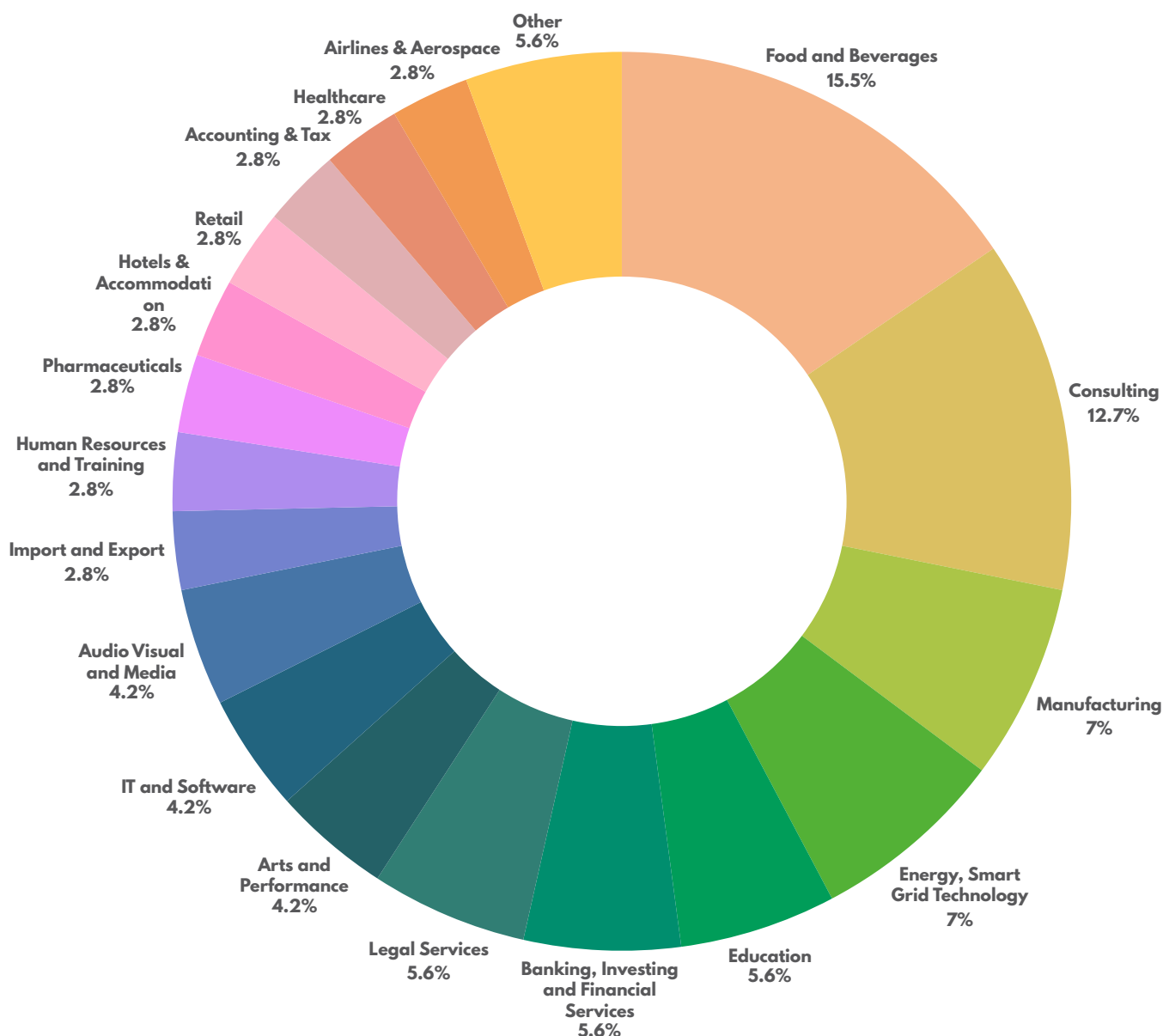
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sarah Hickey'.

Who are we?

The IJCC's mission is to be the leading platform connecting and representing Irish and Japanese businesses and communities through networking, advocacy, and meaningful engagement.

We are a member-driven organisation that works to create opportunities of value to our members through meaningful networking and seminar events, access to relevant information, and representing and advocating for shared interests in the Ireland-Japan business community through our diverse board of directors.

Our members come from a wide range of backgrounds and industries, spanning individual professionals, students, NPOs and SMEs to large corporations, but they all share an interest in business between Ireland and Japan.



Breakdown of corporate members by industry (6 July 2026)

Events



Members of the Chamber can expect select benefits at IJCC events, including preferential member rates, event priority, invites to member-only events, and opportunities to collaborate and promote their business.



Ireland Japan Business Awards

Take part in celebrating the largest successes in the Ireland-Japan business community



Green Ireland Festival

Promote your brand at the largest Irish cultural showcase event in Asia



Guest Speaker Events

Receive in-depth insights from industry experts in various fields



Annual General Meeting

Learn the latest on the Ireland-Japan relationship and have your voice heard in deciding the leadership of the Chamber



Joint Networking Events

Expand your network at regular events with partner Chambers of Commerce



Events in Ireland

Stay in the loop on Japan at our biannual speaker events in Ireland, featuring high-profile panellists and opportunities to network

Stay connected with Team Ireland

Being a member of the IJCC provides you with access to insights from our partners in “Team Ireland” - the agencies representing Ireland in Japan. This includes access to collaborative events, and exclusive invitations to workshops, seminars, and engagements with Irish government officials.

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Shape policy & develop your skills



The IJCC is proud to be a stakeholder of the European Business Council in Japan (EBC), the trade policy arm of 17 national European Chambers of Commerce in Japan.

Corporate members of the IJCC gain eligibility to join industry-specific committees within the EBC, which lobby for causes in these industries that directly impact European businesses and trade.

Visit the EBC website for more information:

<https://ebc-jp.com/>



The IJCC is a supporter of the Japan Market Expansion Competition (JMEC). This is a long-standing business training programme that centres around a business plan writing competition.

To encourage the continued professional development of our members, IJCC members are eligible to receive a partial or full scholarship to participate in the programme*

Visit the JMEC Programme website for more information:

<https://jmec.gr.jp/>

*Please note that eligibility does not guarantee the receipt of this scholarship. For more information, contact us at secretariat@ijcc.jp



Platinum Sponsors

The continued operation of the Chamber is made possible by our members, with special recognition of the contribution of our Corporate Sponsors.



To learn more about the benefits of IJCC Sponsorship, see [page 11](#).

Get involved with committees



Our committees are where you can turn your ideas into action. Fully led by members and supported by the Board of Directors, IJCC committees provide you with opportunities to contribute to the community, collaborate with fellow members, and help strengthen the Ireland-Japan relationship.

Some of our most active committees include:



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

The IJCC DEI Committee works to drive and raise awareness of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the IJCC and the wider Ireland-Japan community, through chamber example and activities.



Regional Committee

The IJCC Regional Committee is dedicated to expanding the reach of the IJCC beyond Tokyo by fostering stronger business connections, career opportunities, and personal support networks for members in cities across Japan.

Ensuring your voice is heard

We believe our strength as a community is achieved through diversity, equity and inclusion. Our initiatives aim to create opportunities for people from all backgrounds to connect, contribute and succeed.

Gender Gap Discount on Individual Membership

The IJCC offers a discount on Individual Membership for all women in line with the World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report 2025 (Japan: 33% Ireland: 20%).

If you would like to avail of this discount, please let us know when making your application.

Complementary Membership Categories for NPOs and Students

To foster the next generation and highlight positive social initiatives within our community, we provide several complimentary categories for first year participants in the JET Programme from Ireland, students and non-profit organisations. See [page 10](#) for full details.

How do I apply?

1) Meet our Operations Team

If you are considering membership with the IJCC, our Operations Team is available for consultation to discuss how the Chamber can support your goals.

2) Apply via the online form

Let us know how you would like to be represented by filling in your contact details, reasons for applying, and information on your industry and business.

3) IJCC Executive review

Once you have submitted your application, it will be submitted to the IJCC Executive Team (President and VPs) for approval.

4) Payment

Upon approval from the Executive Team, you will be issued an invoice for your membership fee. You will be considered fully onboarded with the IJCC upon receipt of payment.

IJCC Operations Team



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Our Operations Team is available to assist you throughout the onboarding process. If you have any questions about IJCC membership, or are an existing member and would like to discuss areas of collaboration with the Chamber, do not hesitate to reach out to us at secretariat@ijcc.jp

Find the membership that's right for you

We recommend those considering membership to choose the category that best suits their profile and needs. You can find comparisons of the various benefits between categories on **pages 9-10**. For full details on eligibility, please refer to our website at <https://www.ijcc.jp/membership>

I am a...

Large business operating across Ireland & Japan

Business with operations in either Ireland or Japan

Small-medium sized enterprise or start-up

Professional working in Japan

Professional outside Kanto or in Ireland

Recommended category

Corporate Multi-Entity

Corporate Single Entity

Corporate Growth

Individual Japan

Regional Individual

Details

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An educational institution looking to pursue non-commercial partnerships

Irish pub operating in Japan

Non-profit organisation with links to the Ireland-Japan community

First year participant on the JET Programme from Ireland

Student at a third level institute with an interest in Ireland or Japan

Educational Institute

Irish Pub

NPO

JET Y1

Student

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I would like to...

Access premium events at lower rates and network in an individual non-promotional capacity

INDIVIDUAL

Promote my business through Chamber channels and events and meet potential clients

CORPORATE

Maximise the visibility of my business and support the future development of the Chamber

SPONSORSHIP

See page 11 for more info on sponsorship

Membership Rates & Benefits

Below is a summary of the membership benefits associated with the primary Corporate and Individual categories.

Category	Corporate			Individual	
	Corporate Multi-Entity	Corporate Single Entity	Corporate Growth	Kanto	Non-Kanto/Ireland
Membership Fee	350,000 JPY	150,000 JPY	50,000 JPY	15,000 JPY*	10,000 JPY*
No. of named representatives	10	5	2	1	
No. of guests allowed to attend regular events at member rates		2		1	
Attend IJCC events at member price		●		●	
Vote at IJCC AGM		●		●	
Eligible for JMEC participant scholarship		●		●	
Stand for election at AGM		●		●	
Feature on member directory		●		×	
Share news on Newsletter/SNS		●		×	
Join European Business Council Committees		●		×	
Sponsor IJCC events		●		×	

*Categories eligible for Gender Gap Membership Discount. See page 6 for details.

Discounted & Complimentary Categories

The table below details the differences between additional discounted or complimentary categories and the primary Corporate and Individual membership categories on [page 9](#).

To find out if you or your organisation are eligible for IJCC membership through one of the categories below, please reach out to us at secretariat@ijcc.jp

	Corporate				Individual	
	Educational Institute	Irish Pub		NPO	Student	Y1 JET Programme Participant*
		Kanto	Non-Kanto			
Membership Fee	100,000	15,000	10,000	Free	Free	Free
No. of named representatives	2	1		2	1	1
Vote at AGM	●	●		x	x	x
Stand for election at AGM	●	●		x	x	x

*Please note 1 year complementary membership for JET Programme participants is limited to those from the Ireland cohort

Become a Sponsor

Corporate Sponsorship of the IJCC is an option for brands that would like to maximize their visibility across all IJCC communications and events, and gain wide recognition across an active business community.

If you are considering supporting the work of the IJCC as Corporate or Individual Sponsor, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at secretariat@ijcc.jp for a consultation.

	Corporate			Individual	
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
Sponsorship	1,000,000-5,000,000	1,500,000	500,000	150,000	75,000

Feature at top of membership directory as Sponsor	●	●	●	●	●
Free seats at the Ireland Japan Business Awards	Bespoke	10 (1 table)	4	2	1
Free admission to IJCC paid events	Bespoke	1 attendee for all paid events	1 attendee for 2 paid events per year	1 attendee for all paid events	x
Branding featured in all IJCC event slides	●	●	●	x	x
Logo on all IJCC email communications	●	●	x	x	x
Promotional videos played at AGM and Ireland Japan Business Awards	●	x	x	x	x

A Word of Thanks



Eli Unger

Operations Manager
Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce

Thank you for your interest in the Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce.

As we prepare to celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Japan in the coming year, it is an exciting time to be part of a community dedicated to strengthening the ties between our two countries.

Membership with the IJCC is not limited to those from Ireland or Japan, and we are proud to welcome individuals from all backgrounds who share an interest in building connections across both markets.

Whether you are taking your first steps doing business in Ireland or Japan, or seeking to broaden your existing network, we would be delighted to meet with you to discuss how we can support your goals.

Have you any questions, we are always available for a consultation. We look forward to hearing from you and introducing you to our community.



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