



Ireland Japan  
Chamber of Commerce

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President



Dear members and friends,

In Japan, this October is the month of politics and we have the general election of the House of Representatives on 30th October. We would like to carefully watch the outcome of this election and how it will affect the COVID19 policies. Especially any relief of quarantine restrictions into Japan which is a major concern amongst the Irish community in Japan.

Recently we held our sixth "Tales from the Region" event. This time focusing on Osaka. Moderated by Pat Ryan and with welcome remarks from Ambassador Paul Kavanagh. Andy O'Doherty, IJCC Director and General Manager H+K International gave us an informative presentation about Osaka and Tom O'Neill, owner of The Blarney Stone Irish Pubs in Osaka, joined the presentation and shared his views about the Irish Pub business in Osaka. I would like to sincerely thank Ambassador, Andy-san and Tom-san for sharing their valuable time with us. The IJCC would like to strengthen our presence and network in Kansai Area including Osaka as we approach the EXPO2025 to be held in Osaka.

We held a "Membership Spotlight" event on 7<sup>th</sup> October with very interesting self-introductions from members, Aidan O'Neill, CEO of DOCO Soft, Emeka Chukwureh, Director of International Strategy at VIOTAS, Kevin Duck, Sales Manager at HiberGene Diagnostics and Aisling Barry, CIR (Coordinator for International Relations) at Kamaishi City, Iwate. I would like to thank them all for sharing their valuable time. This was followed by active Q&A sessions and friendly networking as usual. We have another "Membership Spotlight" event next week so feel free to join us at that.

Next month we will have one of our most important events the "Ireland Japan Business Awards 2021" on 19th November. Unfortunately again due to the COVID19 situation, we have decided not to hold this event in person fully, but instead, we will hold the award ceremony in a hybrid style. The award ceremony will be held at the Ambassador's residence with a limited number of people and the event will be streamed online. I hope you can join and watch the ceremony with us.

I wish you all the best of health.

Best regards,

Yoshihiro Tsuchiya  
President, Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce (IJCC)

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## Member Focus



**John Casey**

Vice President Asia Pacific



Could you give us an overview of your company?

Fexco is an established Global FinTech leader headquartered in Killorglin, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Founded in 1981 we are Ireland's most successful, family-owned, multinational financial and business solutions provider, with operations in 29 countries worldwide.

The company is internationally recognised as a technology trailblazer and has been credited with numerous international awards for its payment transaction processing, foreign exchange capabilities and its contact centres.

[For the rest of the interview please visit our website](#)

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We'd like to feature our corporate and professional members in this newsletter. If you want to be featured please contact [secretariat@ijcc.jp](mailto:secretariat@ijcc.jp)

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## News

**Tokyo Weekender published an article on Kyojin Stew House, written by IJCC member Ciaran Lawler**

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Tokyo Weekender, a magazine that delivers all the latest events, news, views and interviews from Tokyo, published an article titled "Rare Foodie Finds: Kyojin Stewhouse Serves Authentic Irish Food in Tokyo. A tiny restaurant with giant welcoming spirit" written by an IJCC member & IJCC Regional Committee Member Ciaran Lawler.

Click [HERE](#) to read

## 7th Kyojin Irish Culture Week

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**Reservation by Email, Phone or Website**

**ONLINE MULTILINGUAL EVENT - FREE**

### Grass-fed Irish Lamb Collaboration

Learn a little about the Irish meat industry, hear from Hokkaido Irish Meat Importer Bergman and how we've led up to Stewhouse some Irish meat products through our Kyojin Business

Online Event, November 1st, 19:30 JST, Multilingual Event, Japanese & English, Register for Zoom Link

【グラスフェッド・アイリッシュラム コラボレーション】  
北海道のアイリッシュミートインポーターBergman Ltd.が肉内産産に精通する岩塚食品と、アイルランドの肉産業者の協力を得て、私たちが日本人ビジネスと今後どうやってアイルランド産の肉を供給していくかについてお話しします。  
11月1日(月) 日本時間 19:00-20:30 オンラインマルチリンガルイベント  
申込後、Zoomリンクが送られます。 日本語&英語

Email: info@kyojin-stewhouse.com  
Phone: 0352 07 1155  
www.kyojin-company.com/Events





**ONLINE ENGLISH EVENT - FREE**

### Virtual Tour, Tasting & Conversation with Whitewater Brewery

Tour of Whitewater's state of the art Brewery and Visitor Center in the picturesque Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland and chat with founder Bernard Sloan about the company's history, the Pandemic, BREXIT and their Kyojin Japan collaboration

Online Event, November 2nd, 19:30 JST  
Register for Zoom Link

【Whitewater醸造所 バーチャルツアー&試飲会・対談】  
Whitewater醸造所と、美しい景観が一望できる北アイルランド・モーン山脈のビジターセンターをバーチャルでご案内するほか、創業者Bernard氏が醸造所の歴史、フレグジャットとパンデミックの狭間での上場事や、巨人ビジネスコラボレーションによる日本のマーケット市場についての対談も行われます。  
\*英語のイベントです、Registerより登録後、Zoom招待リンクが送られます。



**IN-STORE MULTILINGUAL WORKSHOP - ¥3500/PERSON**

### Irish Nihonga Introduction & Workshop, "Animals from the book of Kells"

日本語ワークショップ「日本画で描くケルズの書の動物たち」

Hosted by Erika Abe (Creative Partner & Artist)  
Nov 4th (Thursday) ¥3,500 per person, Togoshi Ginza Stewhouse  
定員5名\*2回開催  
5 people per workshop \*2 Workshops  
完全予約制 Reservation Required

**ONLINE JAPANESE EVENT - FREE**

### Ghost Story Reading hosted by Yoko Watanabe

【渡辺洋子さんによる、アイルランドのケルティック・ゴーストストーリーと小泉八雲の怪談話の朗読会】

Friday 5th November, 6:30pm, Kyojin Stewhouse Tokyo

- 席数に限りがあるため、参加ご希望の方はご予約をお願い致します。
- Zoomによるオンライン中継あり

IJCC Regional Professional Member Alan Fisher's restaurant **Kyojin Stew House** Matsue will hold their 7th Kyojin Irish Culture Week from Nov 1st (Mon) to 5th (Fri).

Registration is [HERE](#).

## Iwatemachi x Ireland Stamps on Sale



One of the host towns for the Ireland Olympic Team for Tokyo 2020, Iwate-machi, have issued commemorative stamps for the friendship between Ireland and Iwate-machi. The stamps are available at Japan Post's online shop.

Buy the stamps [HERE](#)

## EU-Japan Center for Industrial Cooperation published their October 2021 Newsletter



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## Job Info

### Whisk-e Ltd.

Brand Manager - [Job Description](#)

This position is full time and based in Tokyo. If you would like to apply for the job, please contact Marketing Manager, Sarah Hickey: [sarah@whisk-e.co.jp](mailto:sarah@whisk-e.co.jp)



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• Market Specialist - [Job Description](#)



**Nikon Precision Europe GmbH**

Applicant Portal is available [HERE](#).

Check the LinkedIn page [HERE](#).

**Bureau Veritas Primary  
Integration**

1. Project Manager - Data Centre Commissioning  
- [Job Description](#)
2. Electrical Commissioning Engineer- [Job Description](#)
3. Mechanical Commissioning Engineer- [Job Description](#)
4. Bilingual Electrical Commissioning Engineer  
- [Job Description](#)



If you would like to apply for the position 1-3, please send CV to our professional member Mr. Raymond Roche: [raymond.roche@bureauveritas.com](mailto:raymond.roche@bureauveritas.com)

If you would like to apply for the position 4, please send CV to our professional member Mr. Shane Green: [shane.greene@bureauveritas.com](mailto:shane.greene@bureauveritas.com)



## Santa Fe Relocation

Customer Service & Logistics Representative

Job Description:

- Assist individual or corporate clients in arranging the logistics of local, domestic and international move services.
- Provide quotations to our account/client/agents.
- Answer questions related to moving process from account/clients/agents.
- Data input / invoicing in our system.
- Managing working relationship with HHG subcontractors, freight forwarders, including but not limited to operations, pricing issues.

Skills & Competencies

- Customer service background
- English & Japanese skills (writing & speaking)
- MS Office

Location: Tokyo, Japan

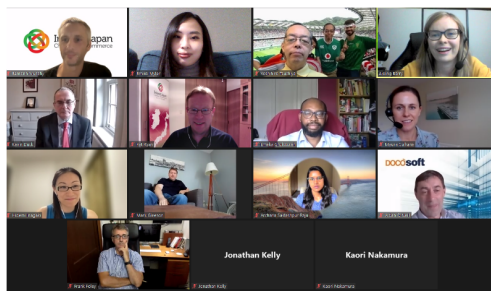
Interested parties, please send your English resume to [Thomas.Morocz@santaferelo.com](mailto:Thomas.Morocz@santaferelo.com).

## Event Info

### Member Spotlight October Part 2

Oct 28th 2021 19:30-(JST)  
Online

See more details [HERE](#)



## Enjoy our events with a taste of Ireland.



The "**Irish Online Event Set**" is available on [the Kyojin Store](#). The set contains 1 x Sausage Variety Pack, 5 x Potato Bread, 1 x Maggie's Leap IPA(Can),

They also offer you a 1,500 JPY discount when you purchase more than 10,000 JPY. Please apply using the coupon code: **IJCCStorePromo**

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## Special Offers for IJCC members

Our members provide special offers to fellow IJCC members. Please see our website for the latest.

<https://www.ijcc.jp/members-only/offer-ijcc-members>

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## Join one of the most active business networks in Japan.

If you're interested in the Ireland Japan business community, we'd love to meet you. We welcome members from all countries.

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