



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



Dear members and friends,

The rainy season has started in Japan and I hope all of you are keeping well.

The vaccination rollout is accelerating here in Japan and many vaccination hubs in large corporates and universities have just started. So we hope this will proceed more smoothly and change the situation dramatically and allow us to hold in-person events soon.

Also, although there has been some debate, finally the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympics received the green light to go ahead with a limited audience and we expect the Irish Team will start arriving from early July. The IJCC would like to sincerely welcome the Irish Olympic and Paralympic team and we are considering how we can support them in very restricted circumstances.

In addition, we are very much looking forward to the rugby match between Ireland and Japan in Dublin on 3rd July which we can watch live on JSports TV in Japan. Let us cheer both teams and hope for a repeat of the exciting game held at the World Cup at Ecopa Stadium in Fukuroi City two years ago!

Let me update you on some recent activities:

First of all, I am very pleased to introduce the following new members. Welcome to IJCC!!

Viotas (Corporate)

Mr. Colm Kennelly (Professional)

We held the "Japan Market Entry (JMEC) Competition & IJCC Member Information and Networking" on 25th May. In which we invited Mr Trond Varlid, Program Director of JMEC Business Training Program who kindly introduced the JMEC program to our members. Also, members Mr Dermot Killoran, Mr Aidan O'Neill, Mr Samuel Annesley and Mr Doire Myler kindly shared their very interesting experiences with JMEC. Thank you, Trond, Dermot, Aidan, Samuel and Doire for sharing your valuable time. This was followed by an active discussion with speakers and the audience as usual.

We also announced the establishment of our first JMEC scholarship and if any of our members are interested in this scholarship please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, we wish you stay healthy and hope all of you have the quickest opportunity to get

vaccinated.

Best regards,
Yoshihiro Tsuchiya
President, Irish Japan Chamber of Commerce (IJCC)

Member Focus



Patrick Jordan

Vice President Human Resources
Coca-Cola Japan & Korea at The Coca-Cola Company

Could you give us an overview of your company?

The Coca-Cola system in Japan is comprised of Coca-Cola (Japan) Co., Ltd., (who I work for), which supplies concentrates, plans and develops new products as the Japanese subsidiary of The Coca-Cola Company, the world's largest soft drinks manufacturer, along with six local bottling partners that manufacture and sell products nationwide, and four system affiliated companies. The Coca-Cola system refreshes Japanese consumers through more than 50 sparkling and still beverage brands. Led by "Coca-Cola", one of the world's most valuable and recognizable brands, our portfolio features a range of global brands such as "Coca-Cola Zero", "Fanta", and "Sprite", in addition to brands originally developed for the Japanese market including "Georgia", "Aquarius", "I LOHAS", and "Ayataka". We are the No. 1 provider of sparkling beverages, sports drinks, and canned coffee in Japan. We employ around 20,000 people here in Japan.

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

Partner Focus

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Q1 Tell me about your organisation?

JETRO, or the Japan External Trade Organization, is a government-related organization that works to promote mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. Originally established in 1958 to promote Japanese exports abroad, JETRO's core focus in the 21st century has shifted towards promoting foreign direct investment into Japan and helping small to medium size Japanese firms maximize their global export potential. The headquarters is in Tokyo, and JETRO has more than 70 offices globally and about 50 offices across Japan. (<https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/>)

For the rest of the interview please visit our website

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

IJCC News

Coming soon - Kyojin Little Ireland Festival



Kyojin Little Ireland Festival 2021
July 21-25th

Kyojin STORES
巨人ストアと小泉八雲スペシャルコラボ
Lafacio Hearn Book Collaboration

Special Food Menu
I. パティシエとシェフのスペシャルデザート
II. テラスBBQセット
III. ソニーと奥貫史子 スペシャルライブ
IV. 巨人じゃがいも皮むき選手権

Arts & Crafts
I. アイシングクッキー実演
II. ジュエリーワークショップ
III. 日本画ワークショップ

Live Music
Sony & Ayako Live with Special Guests
Kyojin Potato Peeling Championship

Kyojin Stew House Matsue, owned by one of our Regional Professional members Alan Fisher, is going to hold the Kyojin Little Ireland Festival from July 21st to 25th. Event details can also be found [HERE](#).

Digitary has started to digitize International Christian University (ICU)'s certificates

DIGITARY

IJCC Corporate Member [Digitary](#) and RECSIE announced that the International Christian University (ICU) will be the first higher education institution in Japan to digitise the certificate of completion of their Summer Courses in Japanese. Congratulations Digitary from all of us at the IJCC on your successful business expansion in Japan!

Read the full article [HERE](#)

In the Media

EBC FLASH SURVEY



The entry restrictions imposed by the Japanese government on foreign non-residents since January 2021 seem to have negative economic impacts on foreign and Japanese businesses and the economy in Japan.

The EBC has been actively advocating this issue through various meetings with the Japanese authorities and by publishing on May 28 a joint statement with the ACCJ, the ANZCCJ and the CCCJ.

To better evaluate the impact of the entry restrictions on European businesses and use the results for advocacy purposes, the EBC is launching a flash survey for members of the various national European Chambers. The more companies that take part in the survey, the more representative the results become, hence more useful. We therefore hope for your cooperation and support.

From Tuesday June 15 to June 30.

[Answer](#)

June Newsletter of EU-Japan Center for Industrial Corporation is Released



WEB version: is available [HERE](#)

PDF version is available [HERE](#)

Event Info

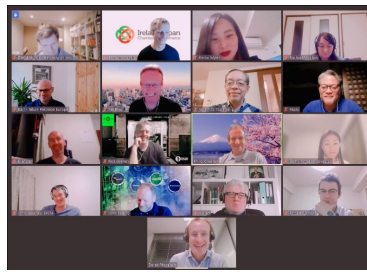


Tales from the Regions - Wakayama

Jun 30th 2021 19:00-(JST)

Online

See more details [HERE](#)



Member Spotlight July

Jul 8th 2021 19:30-(JST)

Online

See more details [HERE](#)

Enjoy our events with a taste of Ireland.



"**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**

Job Info by Member Companies



Nikon Precision Europe GmbH

Applicant Portal is available [HERE](#).

Check the LinkedIn page [HERE](#).

Ireland and the World of Sports - Vol. 4 - Sonia O'Sullivan



This month's instalment is about Sonia O'Sullivan, Ireland's first female Olympic medallist in athletics.

Click [HERE](#) to read more

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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