



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



Dear members and friends,

I hope you had a relaxed summer holiday season.

The Tokyo Olympics finished successfully on 8th August and we are glad to have seen fantastic performances from Irish and Japanese athletes. The Tokyo Paralympics started on 24th August and Paralympic Ireland held their base camp mainly in Narita City. The IJCC held a welcome event for Paralympics Ireland on 15th August which was well attended with a warm atmosphere. I would like to sincerely thank Paralympic Ireland who introduced their athletes and I would also like to thank Ambassador Paul Kavanagh, Mayor Koizumi and Vice Mayor Sekine of Narita City for their very encouraging welcome remarks. In addition, I would like to thank representatives from INJ, GAA and CCE and Irish musicians, Okunuki-san, Nakamura-san and Mr. Sonnyboy for their fantastic welcoming remarks and music.

The IJCC has been supporting Paralympic Ireland (PI) Team we are currently running a fundraising campaign to support purchasing various items which are necessary for them during their stay in Japan. It would be highly appreciated if you can consider joining this fundraising campaign.

Let me update you on some other activities of your chamber.

First of all, I am very pleased to introduce the following new/upgraded members to the IJCC. Welcome, and I hope you all will have a fruitful time!!

- DCC PLC (Corporate)
- Catherine O'Connell Law (Corporate)
- Mr. Wataru Suzuki (Associate/International)
- Mr. Warren Harding (Associate/International)

We are pleased to inform you that the IJCC completed a special COVID19 vaccination program for 50 members and families on 16th August. If we have further opportunities for vaccinations we will inform and invite our members if the demand is strong.

On 27th July we held "A Conversation with DCU Alumni" in which we were joined by Mr Tony Tobin the DCU Japan representative and Prof. Daire Keogh. Four DCU Alumni - Mr Emmett Duffy, Mr Eoin McKeogh, Mr Doire Myler and Mr Wataru Hattori kindly made presentations about their experience in Dublin City University which was very interesting and informative. Thank you all for your valuable time.

Finally, we wish you stay healthy and hope to meet you all soon!

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

Member Focus



Brendan Delahunty

President and Representative Director, SPORTS TRAVEL & HOSPITALITY JAPAN



1. Could you give us an overview of your company?

Sports Travel & Hospitality (STH) Japan is a joint venture between JTB and STH Group. STH Japan is the leading provider of sports hospitality and premium spectator experiences in Japan and was appointed the exclusive Official Hospitality provider at Rugby World Cup 2019™ and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. We have also been appointed as an Official Travel Agent in Japan for RWC 2023 in France; and have recently signed a multi-year agreement with Formula 1 for the promotion and sales of Formula 1 Paddock Club Tickets in Japan.

Please sign up on our website to stay up to date with the exciting experiences we have on offer! <https://www.sthjapan.com/en/events/>

[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

Welcome DCC Plc to the Chamber



The IJCC is delighted to welcome **DCC Plc** as our newest corporate member.

DCC is a leading international sales, marketing and support services group focused on performance and growth. It operates through four divisions: LPG, Retail & Oil, Healthcare and Technology.

Commenting on DCC plc's decision to join the Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce, Mr Conor Costigan, Managing Director of DCC Healthcare, said "Being a part of the IJCC is an important step for DCC plc to grow our network in Japan as we plan our entry into this important market. We look forward to meeting with other members to benefit from their experiences, and to contributing to the continued success of the IJCC."

Welcome DCC Plc to the Chamber!

Catherine O'Connell Law joins as a Corporate Member



The IJCC is delighted to welcome **Catherine O'Connell Law** as our newest corporate member. Catherine O'Connell Law (COL) is a bilingual boutique law firm in Tokyo.

Ms. **Catherine O'Connell**, principal, founder & CEO commented, "We are active in the manufacturing, food & beverage, travel, electronics, tech, and other industries with business operations in Japan, and head offices in Ireland, Japan, Australia, England and New Zealand.

We specialize in commercial and corporate law, compliance and regulatory and offer a market-unique, flexible legal services model helping businesses on a project and needs basis, with short-term or part time, on site or remote secondments and a popular "lawyer in your back pocket" monthly retainer offering.

We have Professional Mentorship packages including corporate mentorship consisting of CEO/Rep Director coaching and training on governance and risk in their roles in leading the Japan business operations."

COL's principal Catherine O'Connell is host of the Lawyer on Air podcast providing insights to law, business and entrepreneurship in Japan.

About moving to corporate membership of the chamber, COL says "With family roots in Ireland, we are very excited to be a part of the IJCC. Our mission is to help businesses who cannot hire a full time lawyer in Japan but need legal support as a must in today's business world. We are looking forward to meeting with and continue supporting other business professionals in the IJCC".

Welcome Catherine O'Connell Law as a Corporate Member of the Chamber!

The Registration of JMEC 28 Participation & Sponsorship is Now Open



Need a Business Plan? Or Want to Upgrade Your Business Skills?

Are you a business owner looking for a business plan tailored to the Japanese market for your market entry or business expansion? If so, take part in the 28th Japan Market Expansion Competition (JMEC 28)!

As a JMEC Project Client, you can receive a professional business plan developed by some of Japan's brightest up-and-coming business leaders for a fraction of the cost of hiring outside consultants. To learn more about this opportunity, visit the JMEC homepage at www.jmec.gr.jp and/or contact trond@jmec.gr.jp to discuss and get more details.

Or are you looking to upgrade your business skills? JMEC is also looking for individual applicants to participate in the program and learn how to research and develop a professional business plan. This 'mini MBA' style program includes classroom training with experienced executives and successful entrepreneurs as lecturers—as well as hands-on experience in writing a business plan for a real business project, submitted by a real company. Interested applicants can find more information here: <http://www.jmec.gr.jp/participants>

The IJCC is a proud sponsor of JMEC and encourages our members and the greater business community to get involved with this excellent program. This year we will be offering a limited number of partial scholarships to participants in JMEC28. The value of the partial scholarships will be ¥50,000 for each participant and to be eligible, you must be an IJCC member and complete the full JMEC programme. For further information on JMEC, please contact secretariat@ijcc.jp.

Event Info



Ireland & Sustainability A conversation with Ireland's Climate Envoy, Sinead Walsh

Aug 31st 2021 16:00-(JST)
Online

See more details [HERE](#)

IJCC x BCCJ Online Joint Networking

Sep 9th 2021 19:00-(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**

Support Ireland's Paralympic Team



We are pleased to announce our support of the Ireland Paralympic team as they visit Japan for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The games started on August 24th and, as usual, Ireland will have a strong representation at the games.

Check details about how to support [HERE](#)

Job Info by Member Companies



Bureau Veritas Primary Integration

Project Manager - Data Centre Commissioning - [Job Description](#)

Electrical Commissioning Engineer- [Job Description](#)

Mechanical Commissioning Engineer- [Job Description](#)

If you would like to apply for the position, please send CV to our professional member Mr. Raymond

Roche: raymond.roche@bureauveritas.com



Nikon Precision Europe GmbH

Applicant Portal is available [HERE](#).

Check the LinkedIn page [HERE](#).

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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