



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce

John Blakeney

IJCC Position: Director

From: Dublin, Ireland

Industry: Professional Services

About:

I have a long-standing relationship with Japan (I have childhood friends from Japan), and I first came here as a JET Programme participant in 2006, when I was placed in Kyoto Prefecture, and subsequently spent another few years studying for a Master's Degree in Urban Planning at the University of Tokyo under a Japanese Government scholarship scheme. I then trained as an accountant in the audit practice with EY in Dublin serving large indigenous and multinational clients across a range of sectors.

Since 2017 I have worked with EY ShinNihon in the Capital Markets Group with a broad scope of work including supporting clients with international debt and equity offerings, implementing audit quality initiatives for US audit clients and Japanese foreign private issuers in the US, providing technical accounting guidance for US GAAP, and addressing regulatory matters for clients and the EY ShinNihon firm. I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of the Chamber and hope that my experiences and network here will help me contribute to the Chamber and Ireland-Japan business relations.

