



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

Message from the President



Dear members and friends,

I hope you are keeping well and had a comfortable and relaxed Golden Week. Vaccinations in Japan have started in full swing this month and we hope they will proceed smoothly and change the situation dramatically for the better.

Let me update you on some recent activities of the IJCC.

We held our Annual General Meeting on 14th May, fully online. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Patron, Ambassador Paul Kavanagh, for his warm opening remarks and to thank the many members who kindly participated. I would like to welcome Mr Breifne Ryan as a new director. Also, I would like to sincerely thank our former president Mr Paul Gilsenan and Ms Nao Ukai for their great contribution to the IJCC as they have stepped down from the board due to other commitments.

In the board meeting immediately after the AGM, I was re-elected as President and Mr Eamonn Murphy and Mr Pat Ryan were elected as your two Vice Presidents. The new IJCC board, including our operations manager Ms Emiko Myler, would like to work closely with our members, stakeholders including Team Ireland in order to enhance the chamber. So your continuous support would be highly appreciated.

Secondly, I am very pleased to introduce the following new members to the chamber. We are pleased to receive so many new members. Welcome to IJCC!!

- ElectroRoute (Corporate)
- DOCOSoft (Corporate)
- Mr. David Burns (Professional)
- Mr. Kieron Cashell (Professional)
- Mr. Eoin McKeogh (Associate/International)
- Mr. Ciaran Day (Associate/International)
- Mr. Anthony Kelly (Associate/International)
- Mr. Yago Lacerda (Student)

In addition, we held a “New Member Spotlight” networking event this month in which we invited our new members Mr John Meehan, Mr Mark Griffin and Mr Eamonn O’Donoghue to introduce themselves and their business. Thank you, John, Mark and Eamonn for your valuable time. This was followed by an active discussion with speakers and the audience as usual.

Last month we held the event “Racing in Japan - How Irishman Lucca Allen is navigating the world of Japanese motorsports” in which we invited our member Mr Lucca Allen who is a champion Irish Racing driver currently racing in Japan for the Albirex team. It was really interesting and exciting to hear him talk about his career and his new life in Japan and the ambitions he holds now. I would like to sincerely thank Lucca and also our member Mr Dominic Keogh who kindly MC-ed the event.

The IJCC would like to consider and hold events that are fresh and interesting to our members, so we look forward to meeting you at upcoming events.

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

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

Member Focus



Yusuke Ishii
President of Astellas Ireland Co., Ltd



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

Astellas is a pharmaceutical company that is committed to turning innovative science into medical solutions that bring value and hope to patients worldwide. Astellas Ireland Co., Ltd is part of the Astellas group, and started its operation in the late 1980’s in Ireland. There are two manufacturing sites at Dublin and Kerry, to manufacture urology and immunosuppressant products.

2. How did your company first become involved in the IJCC?

We got to know IJCC by the introduction of IDA Ireland.

3. Since last year you have been working in Ireland. How is your life there?

I travelled to Dublin in June last year. Since then, I am keeping hybrid working style of on-site at Dublin Plant, and working from home. Since my travelling to Ireland last year, strict restrictions such as travel, shopping, meeting with other households etc., have been in place in most of the period. This is the third time for me to stay long-term in Ireland as a

seconded from Japan. Therefore, I am familiar with the life in Ireland, however, it is strange and different life from previous experience.

[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 ElectroRoute to the Chamber

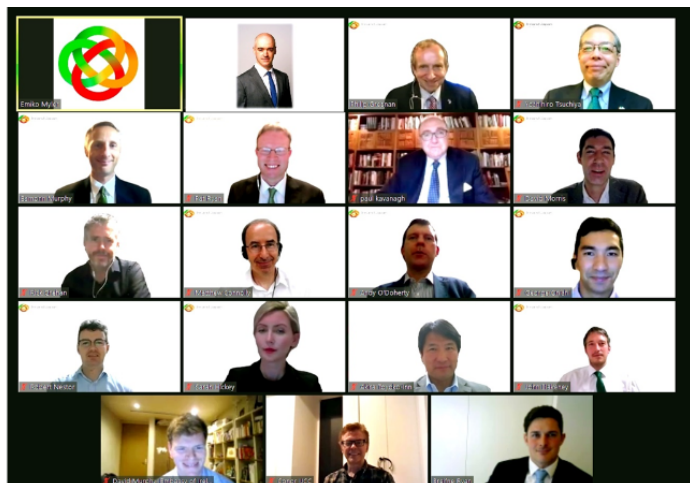


ElectroRoute is a power trading company active within the wholesale electricity markets of Ireland, Britain and mainland Europe. With over 1.1GW of assets under management, they provide market access and managed service solutions to parties operating within the wholesale electricity markets.

About joining the IJCC, ElectroRoute says “We are very excited to be a part of the IJCC. Our mission is to solve the commercial mechanics of a decarbonised energy system. We are looking forward to meeting with other business professionals to share our company values in Japan and Ireland”.

Welcome ElectroRoute to the Chamber!

IJCC Board of Directors for 2021-2022



On Friday 14th May, the IJCC held its Annual General Meeting for 2021 online.

During our AGM, the members approved [Breifne Ryan](#) to join the board as a Director. Welcome Breifne and we are looking forward to working with you.

In the subsequent board meeting, Yoshihiro Tsuchiya was re-elected to the position of President. President Tsuchiya will be joined by Eamonn Murphy and Pat Ryan who were elected to Vice President. Congratulations President Tsuchiya, Vice President Eamonn and Vice President Pat.

The board and members of the chamber would like to thank Paul Gilsenan and Ukai Nao for their service. Both Paul and Ukai-san are stepping down from the board this year due to other commitments.

The board looks forward to working with our members and partners over the coming year.

Directors bios are available [HERE](#).

IJCC Scholarship for JMEC 28



The IJCC are delighted to announce that we will be offering a limited number of partial scholarships to participants in JMEC this year. 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 more information, please contact secretariat@ijcc.jp.

JMEC 28 Participant information & Project Client information are now available.

- Check Participant Information [HERE](#)
 - Check Project Client Information [HERE](#)
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Nishimura & Asahi won Asian Law Firm of the Year at the Asia Legal Awards 2021

NISHIMURA & ASAHI

Leading Japanese law firm & an IJCC Corporate Member Nishimura Asahi has been named Asian Law Firm of the Year at The Asia Legal Awards 2021, held virtually on May 5, 2021. This is the first time a Japanese law firm has received this prize. Congratulations!

Read the article [HERE](#).

In the Media

Enterprise Ireland Event

Webinar

Free Trade Agreement Webinar Series

Doing Business in Japan

With Robert Troy TD, Minister of State for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation, Mary Kinnane, Asia Pacific Regional Director Enterprise Ireland, Pat Ryan, Entrepreneur, Abtran Co-Founder, Angel Investor and Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce Vice-President, Seiji Kasama, Founder and CEO of Bergman Ltd, Chie Ito, CEO FINOLAB Inc, Tokyo, Pat O'Riordan, Country Manager, Japan, Enterprise Ireland

Thursday 17th June, 9-10am BST

ENTERPRISE IRELAND

Doing Business in Japan

Thursday 17th June 2021 17:00-18:00 JST

The EU Japan Economic Partnership Agreement provides a very positive backdrop to Ireland Japan trading relations. Irish companies are finding their fit in Japan, the third largest economy in the world with undoubted momentum in the trading relationship. Japan is a market that embraces world class products, technologies and services and is well suited to the rising ambition and sophistication levels of Irish exporters. This webinar will explore the experiences of key Irish business interests in Japan, and will outline the knowledge, networks and access supports available to capitalise on what is an increasingly important market for ambitious Irish exporters.

In the event we'll hear from many speakers including **Pat Ryan**, IJCC Vice President and **Seiji Kasama**, Founder and CEO of Bergman Ltd. and also an IJCC Professional Member.

[Register](#)

WEBINAR

ENTERPRISE IRELAND

The Irish Advantage

Opportunities in Medical Devices & Digital Health – China, Japan & South Korea

Thu, 27 May 2021 | 9:00am – 10:30am IST

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Thursday 27th May 2021 17:00-18:30 JST

This webinar will bring together market experts and industry insiders to share their insights into opportunities in medical devices and digital health sectors in China, Japan, and South Korea. This event is brought to you by Enterprise Ireland's China, Japan, and South Korea offices in collaboration with our partners Aerogen, EKPAC Healthcare, Intralink, and Emurgo by UL. We look forward to hosting you.

Through this webinar, attendees will learn about

1. Key sector trends, opportunities & challenges;
2. Regulatory and market entry considerations;
3. View and learnings from Aerogen, an Irish MedTech company active in all three countries; and

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