



# Sam Keane

**IJCC Position: Director**

**From: Clare, Ireland**

**Industry: Government**

**About:** My experience in Japan began in 2018 during a work placement teaching English in Osaka. I proceeded to graduate from the University of Limerick with a BA in Politics and International Relations with Japanese in 2020. I was placed in Gifu Prefecture as the Prefectural Board of Education's Coordinator for International Relations in the following year. My duties have included interpretation, translation, teacher training and daily life support for our 55 Assistant Language Teachers. I have focused on improving transparency and ALT-school relations.

I first joined the Chamber in 2023 as a member of the regional committee, where I have been primarily engaged in reaching out to new Irish JETs as well as recent graduates coming out of Irish universities. As director I intend to continue promoting Japan as a career and education destination for Irish graduates and professionals.