



Ireland Japan  
Chamber of Commerce

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President



Dear members and friends of the IJCC,

I hope you are all enjoying a relaxing and comfortable time and ready for the Christmas holiday season.

The situation of COVID19 in Japan is exceptionally stable at this moment and I believe all of you feel more relaxed than before. On the other hand looking into Europe including Ireland, North and South America and other Asian countries, the situation is worsening and the Omicron variant seems to be rapidly growing as a new threat globally. The IJCC is carefully monitoring the overall situation but we are planning to gradually start physical events again from early next year as the situation allows us.

Let me update you on some of our recent activities.

First of all, I am very pleased to introduce the following new member to the IJCC.

- Serion Inc. (Corporate)

Welcome to the IJCC and I hope you all will have a fruitful time!

We are pleased to inform you that the IJCC has just reached an agreement to start a collaboration with **EU-Japan Center for Industrial Cooperation (EUJCIC)** and plan to sign a MOU for a partnership agreement with them. The EUJCIC was established in 1987 as a core organization to implement industrial cooperation between EU and Japan and it aims at promoting all forms of industrial, trade and investment cooperation between EU and Japan and at improving EU and Japanese companies' competitiveness and cooperation by facilitating exchanges of experience and know-how between EU and Japanese businesses. The EUJCIC is strongly supported by the Japanese government (METI) and European Commission. We will keep our members updated regarding the details of this collaboration.

Finally, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best regards,

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

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## Member Focus

# Ireland Japan Business Awards 2021 Entrepreneur of the Year



## Seiji Kasama

CEO

# Bergman

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

Bergman Limited was established in June, 2020 as trading company to promote Irish products here in Japan. Our current product ranges are starting from electric heating, Fire, Air Purifier, Sauna to Irish Meat. We always try to enlarge the product lines from Ireland. Our operation was originally established as Globally Inc. in 1997 and reorganized as Dimplex Japan Limited in 2007.

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

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

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## News

### IJCC Regional Committee - Annual Report



The IJCC Regional Committee launched a year ago with the core objective of creating and enhancing connections between the IJCC and businesses in Japan's regions. Additionally, the committee has sought to raise further bilateral consciousness between the two nations.

In order to accomplish these goals, we engage in a series of coordinated activities.

**Ciaran Lawler**, an IJCC member and an IJCC Regional Committee member introduces what the committee achieved in 2021. Read the report [HERE](#).

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## Irish Times News Article by an IJCC Member Ciaran Lawler



IJCC Member Ciaran Lawler wrote an article titled "How do we celebrate Christmas where I live? With buckets of KFC and Colonel Sanders Santas" for Irish Times. IJCC is mentioned in the article too. Read [HERE](#)

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## EU-Japan Newsletter December 2021 is Issued



Read the newsletter [HERE](#)

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## 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 Maggies 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**

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## Job Info



## Nikon Precision Europe GmbH

Applicant Portal is available [HERE](#).

Check the LinkedIn page [HERE](#).

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## 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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## Join one of the most active business networks in Japan.

If you're interested in the Ireland Japan business community, we'd love to meet you. We welcome members from all countries.

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*Thank you for your support with the IJCC in 2021.  
We wish you a Happy Christmas and a great new year.*



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