



Ireland Japan  
Chamber of Commerce

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

### Message from the President



Dear members and friends,

As the rainy season has just finished in the Tokyo area and the hot summer season has arrived, I hope all of you are keeping well.

Finally, the Tokyo Olympics has just kicked off and the hot competition of athletes will continue until 5th September when the Tokyo Paralympic concludes. The IJCC is supporting the Paralympic Ireland (PI) Team and we have started a fundraising campaign for them to provide various items that are necessary for their stay in Japan. There are also corporate sponsorship opportunities available. We are planning to hold an online welcoming event for the team during their stay in their Narita base camp. It would be highly appreciated if you can consider supporting them by joining this fundraising campaign or by becoming a sponsor.

Let me update you on some recent activities.

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

- Zelo Law Firm (Corporate)
- Mr. Frank Foley (Professional)
- Mr. Kevin Duck (Regional Professional)
- Mr. David Gallagher (Associate/International)

We arranged a special COVID19 vaccination program for our members on 16th July. Although vaccinations in Japan are accelerating, the progress varies depending on the city and we are happy to be able to provide vaccination opportunities for our members.

On 14th July, our operations manager Emiko Myler and I visited Fukuroi City in Shizuoka Prefecture. Ecopa Stadium, where the historic Rugby World Cup game between Japan and Ireland was played two years ago, is located in Fukuroi City. And the Ireland Olympic Team has been holding their base camp in Fukuroi. We visited Fukuroi Chamber of Commerce (FCC) and attended their board meeting to discuss collaboration between the IJCC and the FCC. We visited Fukuroi City Office to meet the new Mayor Mr. Noriyuki Oba to tighten the bonds between Fukuroi City and Ireland further. The meeting was very friendly and positive. We highly appreciate FCC and Fukuroi City providing us with this fantastic opportunity just before the Tokyo Olympics and we would like to enhance this relationship in the future.

We held a "New Member Spotlight" networking event this month in which we invited our new members Mr. David Burns, Mr. Kieron Cashell and Mr. Breifne Ryan who introduced themselves and their business. Thank you, David, Kieron and Breifne for your valuable time.

Finally, we wish you a healthy summer.

Best regards,

## Member Focus



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

We make it easy for companies to expand into Japan by taking care of all local compliance, including incorporating an entity, hiring staff, and paying taxes, so they can focus on growing their business. We make all accounting, expense reporting, and payroll processes paperless to maximize efficiencies. All our clients' financial, payroll, tax and compliance data can be accessed online in English, anywhere in the world.

[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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## IJCC News

### Welcome Aisling Barry to the Board of the IJCC



The IJCC is delighted to announce that **Aisling Barry** has joined the board as a new director. Welcome Aisling!

[Here](#) is Aisling's profile.

Commenting on her new role, Aisling says - "Hi everyone. My name is Aisling and I'm originally from Cork. I first came to Japan in 2014 to Sapporo. Since then, I have lived in Kyoto and am currently in Iwate Prefecture."

I am delighted to be furthering my commitment to the IJCC as a Director and hope to bring a new perspective and fresh ideas. Looking forward to meeting you all!"

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### Rathbornes Products are Now Available at Ginza Six



Ireland's oldest candle company **Rathbornes**, whose products are imported by our corporate member **ONODA Inc.**, are now available at Gluxury in Ginza Six.

Gluxury Shop info on Ginza Six: [Website](#)  
Gluxury Official: [Website](#)

Why don't you enjoy the Stay Home with the lovely scent of candles?

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### Women In Sport project by the Irish Embassy to Japan & Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Prior to TOKYO 2020, the Embassy of Ireland in Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan hosted a Twitter campaign titled "Women in Sports" on July 14th. The purpose of the campaign is to promote women's participation in sports and to reinforce gender equality in the Irish sports world.

To collaborate with this campaign and deliver a positive message on the topic of Women and Sports, we interviewed **Sarah Hickey**, an IJCC director.

She says, "The biggest lesson I got from playing sports was quite simple, if you put in the hard work then it will pay off. If you want to be the best at your game, then you must believe in yourself, make sacrifices, use your time wisely and set goals".

Read Sarah's article [HERE](#)  
Check the campaign highlight [HERE](#)



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### IJCC President Yoshihiro Tsuchiya and Operations Manager Emiko Myler Visited Fukuroi City, Shizuoka



On Wednesday 14th July, IJCC President Yoshihiro Tsuchiya and Operations Manager Emiko Myler visited Fukuroi City, the location for Ireland's base camp for the TOKYO 2020 Olympics. The IJCC sincerely appreciate the FCC and Fukuroi City for giving us this opportunity. We will keep working to develop our friendship with FCC and Fukuroi City.

Read the full article [HERE](#) / Check the gallery [HERE](#)

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### IJCC Vaccination Programme



On Friday 16th July, we held a COVID-19 Vaccine Program at the TKP Conference Center, Shimbashi. Members, and some of their family, received their first vaccine.

The number of COVID-19 infections is still rising, especially in Tokyo. We hope all our members & friends stay healthy and enjoy the summer safely.

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### 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 begin on August 24th and, as usual, Ireland will have a strong representation at the games.

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

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### In the Media

#### Ireland is featured in the Eurobiz Japan June 2021 issue



The country focus of Eurobiz Japan June 2021 issue is Ireland.

Hear from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney; the Ambassador of Ireland to Japan, Paul Kavanagh; the IJCC President, Yoshihiro Tsuchiya and our members Alan Fisher and Kieron Cashell.

Read the digital version [HERE](#)

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### Event Info



A Conversation with DCU Alumni

July 27th 2021 19:00-(JST)

Online

See more details [HERE](#)



The secrets of developing  
successful partnerships and sales  
with large Japanese corporations  
- the insider view

Aug 26th 2021 19:00-(JST)

Online

See more details [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 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**

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## 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](mailto:raymond.roche@bureauveritas.com)



### Nikon Precision Europe GmbH

Applicant Portal is available [HERE](#).

Check the LinkedIn page [HERE](#).

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## Ireland and the World of Sports - Vol. 5 - Jason Smyth



The Goldsmith - Jason Smyth, the world's fastest  
Paralympian, was born in County Derry on July 4,

Click [HERE](#) to read more

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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>

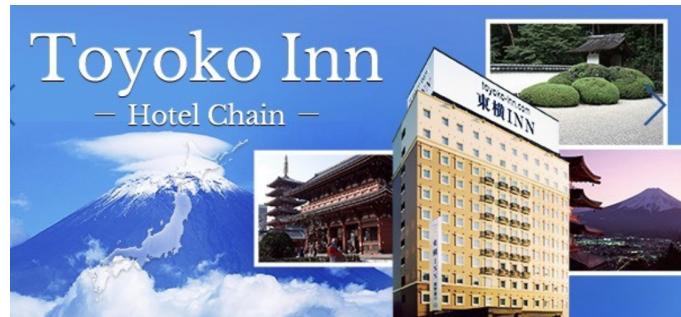
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