



Ireland Japan  
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# Akira Shimura

**IJCC Position:** Director

**From:** Tokyo

**Industry:** Hospitality

## **About:**

I have spent most of my vocational career engaging with developing countries working for Japanese governmental aid agency. My primary field was Indian subcontinent countries and had opportunities to station in Pakistan (1996-99) and Sri Lanka (2009-12). Taking early retirement, I went to Yamaguchi ken to rebuild a distressed local construction company and spend four years to reorganize it. I have been working for Toyoko Inn Group since 2017 to supervise overseas projects mainly in US and European countries. I also look after Toyoko Inn hotels located in Tohoku Area as a regional manager.

I went to Ireland a few times after joining Toyoko Inn as its parent company is registered in Dublin and it did not take time to be a big fan of Ireland. Obviously, my goal is to build the first Toyoko Inn in Ireland at the earliest possible collaborating with my predecessor Hashimoto san.

I look forward to contributing to enhancing the Ireland/Japan ties with respectable board members and all supportive members.

