



Ireland Japan
Chamber of Commerce

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IJCC Position: Director

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Industry: Foodservice/Manufacturing/Logistics

About:

I came to Japan in 2004, and after spending several years in Mie Prefecture and Tokyo, I moved to Osaka in 2013 to join a new Irish company setting up in Japan. IJCC members were able to give plenty of invaluable advice as we established our office and warehouse. After setting up ground operations here with our Dublin team, I took up Japan General Manager role in 2014. Very happy to discuss my experiences of setting up a business in Japan to anyone facing a similar challenge. My main role in the IJCC is the board member with responsibility for Kansai. We have fewer members than the Tokyo area, but keep active with an annual dinner, some smaller events and sharing of information.