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Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.

## **Notice regarding employment of top athlete (women's rugby player)**

**Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (Head Office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture; President: Kenichi Urushibata; hereinafter "SWS") has employed Soyoka Kinoshita, a female rugby player who is expected to play in international competitions, as of April 3.**

Mie Prefecture has established the "Mie Guideline for Improvement of Athletic Skills" and has been addressing regional activities through training and development of athletes and sports promotion. As part of this promotion program, Mie provides support for the employment of top athletes. (Ath-Job-Mie \*1).

SWS has been continuously recruiting top athletes since 2016 to support such efforts in Mie Prefecture. Currently, 12 athletes (women's rugby: 10, sport climbing: 1, para-athlete athletics: 1) including Kinoshita belong to SWS.

We will continue to provide an environment where top athletes can continue to play their sport comfortably, and will continue to play an active role in developing athletes in Mie Prefecture and providing support for sports promotion, such as support for the activities of club teams in the prefecture.

### ◆Soyoka Kinoshita



[Comments]

I am pleased to announce that I will be joining Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. I will be engaged as an employee of SWS, and will contribute to the victory of PEARLS, while balancing work and competition. I am grateful for the environment that allows me to concentrate on competition, and I will continue to improve and devote myself diligently.

[Player Profile]

- University :  
Nippon Sport Science University
- Position :  
Forward (Flanker)  
Scrum half and hooker in Sevens
- Main Achievements :
  - 5th overall in the Taiyo Seimei Women's Sevens Series 2022
  - 2nd place in the 9th National Women's Rugby Football Championship



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**For your reference** \_\_\_\_\_

\* 1 Ath-Job-Mie

: The purpose of this program is to help top athletes and their coaches who are active in national and international sports competitions find employment with companies in the prefecture, and to achieve a mutually beneficial match.