

## News Release



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## Seina Saito, our employee, will appear in the Rugby World Cup

Seina Saito, an employee of Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: Fumiyoshi Kawai) was selected as a captain of the Japan national team (Sakura15's) of the Women's Rugby World Cup, 2017 Ireland.

Seina Saito has appeared in the Asia / Oceania qualifying tournament for the Women's Rugby World Cup since last year as captain of the Sakura15's. Having defeated Hong Kong and Fiji in this tournament, the Sakura15's decided to enter the Women's Rugby World Cup, representing Asia and Oceania for the first time in four tournaments.

Seina Saito participated in an in-house Good Luck Party held on Thursday July 20, her last workday before the World Cup, and then participated in a domestic training camp. On Sunday July 30 when the training camp was completed, she was reappointed as captain of the Sakura 15's. She is leaving for Ireland today, and we wish her great success in the World Cup and expect your great support.

<World Cup Schedule> (pool matches) \* Described in JST

(1) vs France : Thursday August 10, 2017, kick-off at 3:45 a.m.
(2) vs Ireland : Monday August 14, 2017, kick-off at 1:15 a.m.
(3) vs Australia : Friday August 18, 2017, kick-off at 1:00 a.m.

<Saito's comment> \* At in-house Good Luck Party

"The Japan women's team is participating in the World Cup for the first time in four tournaments. We will strive to reach the final eight which hasn't been achieved yet even by the men's team. I want to get good results so we can mark a milestone in Japan's rugby history."



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