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Notice Regarding Employment of an Athlete (Track and Field Para-Athlete)

President Fumiyooshi Kawai

As of April 16th 2020, Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: Fumiyooshi KAWAI) has employed INAGAKI (track-and-field) a paraplegic athlete who will participate in long jump T63. It is the first time a para-athlete has been hired into SWS.

In anticipation of the "Mie Tokowaka Kokutai," the National Athletic Meet to be held in 2021, 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).

In support of these activities, Sumitomo Wiring Systems decided to employ INAGAKI on the heels of 3 players of Women's Rugby team (2019). We expect that the activities of the athlete and his inspiring performances will promote dreams, hopes, and vitality throughout the company, and help us foster a sense of solidarity. Currently, SWS employs around ten athletes. The hiring of INAGAKI will bring that total to 11 athletes. We will continue to play an active role in developing athletes in Mie Prefecture and providing support for sports promotion.

<Profile of athletes>

- Name : Katsuaki INAGAKI
- Born in Mie Prefecture
- Sport Event : 100m, Long jump T63
- Main Results in Competition :
 - 2019: Japan Para Athletics Championships 2019 in Osaka
Long jump Final 4th place
 - 2019: Kanto Para Athletics Championship 2019 in Tokyo
100m Final 4th place,
Long jump Final 2nd place.
 - 2019: Japan Para Athletics Championships 2019 in Gifu
100m Final 8th place,
Long jump Final 3rd place



<INAGAKI's comment>

Hello. I am Katsuaki INAGAKI. I joined SWS today. I am grateful to be able to continue pursuing my dreams together with Sumitomo Wiring Systems. Unfortunately, The Tokyo 2020 Paralympics has been postponed for about a year due to the spread of the Corona virus worldwide. But I try to think positively because there is still a chance for me to participate in the Tokyo Paralympics and I will do my best to make my dream come true. Please cheer for me.