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Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.

Notice regarding employment of top athletes

As of April 1, 2026, Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: Kenichi Urushibata) has employed an athlete expected to excel in international competitions, Natsumi Takahashi, a women's rugby player.

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).

Sumitomo Wiring Systems has been continuously recruiting top athletes since 2016 to support such activities in Mie Prefecture. Currently, 10 athletes (women's rugby: 8; para-athlete athletics: 1; rifle shooting:1), including Suda and Fujieda, belong to Sumitomo Wiring Systems.

We 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.

◆Natsumi Takahashi



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I am grateful to have been given an environment where I can continue working while pursuing my athletic career.
Through my daily activities, I hope to learn many things and continue to face both my sport and my work with dedication.
I will not forget the support I receive from those around me, and I will keep moving forward with a positive attitude.

【Player Profile】

- University : Nippon Sport Science University
- Position : BK
- Major Achievements : World University Championship 2024 – Women's Rugby Sevens : Champions
HSBC SVNS 2025 World Championship*2 : 5th Place

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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.

*2 HSBC SVNS 2025 World Championship:

The world's premier international Rugby Sevens tournament, where the top 12 teams compete in a traveling series format to determine the annual rankings.