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Notice regarding employment of top athletes (women's rugby players)

As of April 1, Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: Fumiyoshi KAWAI) has employed three promising women's rugby players who are likely to draw attention in the International Championship.

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 of Mie Prefecture, we at SWS have also employed three top athletes, including one who was selected as a member of the women's rugby 7s and 15s national teams. We expect that the activities of these athletes and their inspiring performances will promote dreams, hopes, and vitality throughout the company, and help us foster a sense of solidarity. As we already had 7 athletes at SWS, we now have a total of 10 employees that are athletes.

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.

<Profile of athletes>

- Name : Ria Anoku
Position : Bucks (full bucks), Wing in rugby Sevens
Major results : • 2019: Participated in 5th Japan Women's Rugby Football Championship MVP
• 2019: Member of Japan National team fifteens Squad

Name : Yuki Ito
Position : Forward (Flanker), Hooker in rugby Sevens
Major results : • 2015~2016 Member of Japan National team fifteens Squad
• 2016~2019 Member of Japan National team sevens Squad

Name : Minori Yamamoto
Position : Backs (Standoff), Standoff in rugby Sevens
Major results : • 2017: Member of national team for Women's Rugby World cup
• 2018: Taiyo Seimei Women's Sevens Series MVP
• 2019: Member of fifteens national team Squad