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

As of April 1, 2024, Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: **Kenichi Urushibata**) has employed a promising women's rugby player Akari Katsushima who is expected to play in the International Competition.

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).

Sumitomo Wiring Systems has been continuously recruiting top athletes since 2016 to support such activities in Mie Prefecture. Currently, 11 athletes (women's rugby: 10; para-athlete athletics: 1), including Katsushima, 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.

◆Name: Akari Katsushima



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I am very happy to be able to join the PEARLS top team, which I have admired since I was a member of the junior team, and to be hired as an athlete employee of Sumitomo Wiring Systems. I will do my best in both rugby and at work, and I will work hard to be a person who will be supported by everyone at the company.



[Player's Profile]

High School : Yokkaichi Maryknoll High School

Position : WTB

Major results : Japan National U18 Women's Sevens Rugby Football Championship:3rd Place
Global Youth Sevens 2023 : Silver Medal
Selected for U18 Women's Sevens Japan Represented team

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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.

◆About Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.

: Sumitomo Wiring Systems, founded in 1917, is a world-class manufacturer of "wire harnesses" that connect various devices in automobiles and transmit power and signals to all parts of the vehicle. Based on research and development that anticipates the needs of the times, we have developed a wide range of products, including wire harnesses for automobiles, electronics products, and products for hybrid and electric vehicles, in response to the expectations of car manufacturers and other customers. We will contribute to a next-generation mobility society that is safer, more convenient, and more environmentally friendly by leveraging the "Tsunageru, Tsunagaru" technology we have cultivated over the years.