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

As of April 1, 2022, Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd. (SWS) (Head office: Yokkaichi City, Mie Prefecture, President: Kenichi Urushibata) has employed three promising women's rugby players who are likely to draw attention in the International Championship.

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 them who are candidates for the Japanese national team for the Rugby World Cup 2021 to be held in 2022. 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 11 athletes at SWS, we now have a total of 14 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 : Wako Kitano
Position : Forward (Lock), Prop in rugby Sevens
Major :
results : ·2020: Participated in 6th Japan Women's Rugby
Football Championship
·2022: Member of Rugby World Cup Japan National
team fifteens Squad



Name : Mizuki Furuya
Position : Backs (Center), Center in rugby Sevens
Major : ·2019: Participated in 5th Japan Women's Rugby
results Football Championship
·2022: Member of Rugby World Cup Japan National
team fifteens Squad



Name : Kyoko Hosokawa
Position : Forward (Flanker), Prop in rugby Sevens
Major : ·2018: Taiyo Seimei Women's Sevens Series
results Championship
·2019: Participated in 5th Japan Women's Rugby
Football Championship FW MVP
·2022: Member of Rugby World Cup Japan National
team fifteens Squad

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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.