



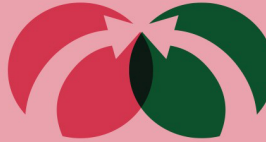
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN IRELAND AND JAPAN

Trade between Ireland and Japan was worth

€9.8 billion
in 2015.



Japan is Ireland's **biggest export market** in Asia.



Japan is the **largest source of FDI** into Ireland from Asia.

There are 79 Japanese companies operating in Ireland, **supporting over 4,000 jobs**, and 50 Irish companies in Japan.

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Japan will host the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and the Olympics and Paralympics in 2020

Tokyo has the biggest and oldest St. Patrick's Day parade in Asia.



There were 12 St. Patrick's Day parades around Japan in 2016.



50,000 people attended the "I Love Ireland Festival" in 2016.

20,000 Japanese visitors come to Ireland each year. In 2016,

400

of these participated in the **Ireland Japan Working Holiday Programme - the highest number yet!**

Tourism Ireland has a Japanese language website <http://www.ireland.com/ja-jp/>



1,207 IRISH GRADUATES have participated in the **Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET)** Programme since 1988.

Renowned author and explorer, **Lafcadio Hearn**, is the most famous Irishman in Japan.



Japan is the only real country featured in **GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** by Jonathan Swift.

Traditional Irish music is very popular in Japan. 2016 saw a **Japanese winner** for the first time in Fleadh Cheoil's history.



NOBEL PRIZE

2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly awarded to William C. Campbell (Ireland/USA) and Satoshi Omura (Japan) as well as Youyou Tu (China).

The 1974 Nobel Peace Prize was shared between Ireland and Japan, recognising Seán MacBride for his human rights work, and Eisaku Sato, 39th Prime Minister of Japan, for his work on arms control.

326 students took Leaving Certificate Japanese in 2016.



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