

The magazine of the
British Chamber of
Commerce in Japan

22
Entrepreneur:
Sweet on UK puds

27
FDI:
M&As in the UK

28
Interview:
Selling English in Japan

ACQUAINTANCE

opening up to **FINTECH**

18

Forward-thinking
UK firms pitch to
crack the market

MEDIA
ARTS
BOOKS
ENVIRONMENT
LITERATURE
CULTURE
HEALTH
MUSIC
COMMUNITY
EVENTS
and much more

INDUSTRY
& A-LIST
EDUCATION
& TRAINING



Business | Lifestyle | Arts | Events
 Products | Fashion | People | Sport
 Travel | Food | Drink | Technology
 Science | Culture | Health | Energy
 Music | Motors | Politics | Charity

Firm seeks help on nuclear

Toshiba Corporation is conducting talks with financial institutions to gain support for its £8bn nuclear programme in the UK, *The Guardian* reported on 10 December.

The firm is a 60% shareholder in the NuGen project to build a nuclear plant near Sellafield in Cumbria, where spent fuel is processed.

The move is thought to be the result of a fine, equivalent to £40mn, handed to the firm by Japan's financial regulator for having overstated its profits.

Hiroshima peace park visit to foster understanding

The foreign ministers of France, the US and UK are to pay their first visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park while in Japan for the forthcoming G7 meeting, *The Japan Times* reported on 26 November.

The ministers accepted a Japanese government invitation, extended to diplomats of nations that have nuclear weapons. The government hopes, thereby, to teach their guests some of the consequences of using nuclear arms.

Together with Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida, the group is expected to lay flowers and hear stories about the events following the atomic bombing of 1945.

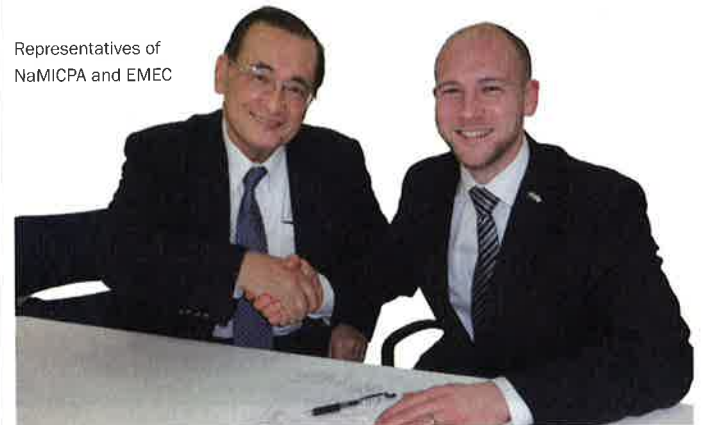
Scots isle success boosts Nagasaki energy plans

Orkney's European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) is to use its experience in developing test berths in Scottish waters to help Nagasaki Prefecture develop similar sites, *The Scotsman* reported on 10 December.

The work builds on a 2012 memorandum of understanding, and EMEC's joining, in 2015, the Nagasaki Marine Industry Cluster Promotion Association (NaMICPA) to support the use of marine renewable energy in Japan.

EMEC will provide advice on submarine cables, grid connections, and operational procedures, as well as health and safety issues.

Representatives of NaMICPA and EMEC



Robots may bite into Japan job market

A report published by the Nomura Research Institute in collaboration with the University of Oxford claims that, within the next 10–20 years, it will be possible to fill up to 49% of all jobs in Japan using robots, *Motherboard* reported on 3 December.

Meanwhile, previous research shows that only 35% of jobs in the UK could be automated. This is because many data-inputting jobs are already done by machines, unlike in Japan.

The workers most likely to be replaced by robots are taxi drivers, clerical staff, security guards and receptionists.



Robots may fill nearly half of Japan's jobs in 10–20 years.

Textile giant fetes 30 years

Shima Seiki, one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial flat knitting machines, has celebrated the 30th anniversary of its European subsidiary in Derbyshire, www.fibre2fibrefashion.com reported on 3 December.

It hosted a private exhibition featuring demonstrations of a system that integrates knit production, from planning and design to machine programming, production and sales promotion.

The system also allows for simulation capability and virtual sampling, and supports design in various industries, including weaving and printing.



UK-Japan events

1 | ENERGY

A 28-strong delegation from the Nagasaki Marine Industry Cluster Promotion Association visited the European Marine Energy Centre in Orkney, to discuss how the organisations can work together on renewable energy, in October.

2 | SPORT

Representatives of British Chamber of Commerce in Japan (BCCJ) member company BrewDog Japan showed their wares at the BCCJ-supported Night Street Rugby event at Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium in Minato Ward on 8 December.

3

A delegation from GlaxoSmithKline Japan also supported the Night Street Rugby event.

4 | CSR

Deputy Head of Mission Julia Longbottom was among Knights in White Lycra volunteers who distributed Christmas presents at Minamisanriku in Miyagi Prefecture on 13 December.