



Embassy of Japan in Ireland

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Japanese Ambassador's Commendation presented to
Ms. Barbara Geraghty at the University of Limerick

On 19 November 2013, Mr. Chihiro Atsumi, Ambassador of Japan to Ireland, presented the Ambassador's Commendation to Ms. Barbara Geraghty, Lecturer, School of Languages, Literature, Culture and Communication, University of Limerick, for her outstanding contribution to the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Ireland.

Since 2000, Ms. Geraghty has been a lecturer in Japanese at the University of Limerick, as well as being involved in a wide range of activities aimed at expanding Japanese-language education in Ireland. Ms. Geraghty now plays a central role in Japanese-language education in Ireland, particularly in the western half of the country.

At the presentation ceremony, Ambassador Atsumi said, "On this occasion today, it gives me great pleasure to present Ms. Barbara Geraghty with the Ambassador's Commendation in recognition of her achievements to date, and looking forward to her continued success in the years ahead", and continued, "Barbara's natural strength of character and ability to take action, combined with the politeness and modesty so important to Japanese people, and the commitment she has shown to carrying out her many responsibilities, have enabled her to gain the trust and confidence of many people, both Japanese and Irish".

The Ambassador's Commendation is awarded by Ambassadors of Japan to individuals and/or groups who have made a distinguished contribution to the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and their own countries. Ms. Geraghty's commendation is the sixth presented by Ambassadors of Japan to Ireland, and the first to be presented by the current Ambassador.

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