## Olympic Preparation



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When I first learned that I would be going to Fukuroi as a CIR, I also learned that we would be hosting the 2019
Rugby World Cup as well being the pre-camp for the Irish Olympic Team. I was so excited to hear how much our city would be doing. Just like the Rugby world Cup did in 2019, I hope that we are able

to use the Olympics to encourage international exchange, help others to learn about different cultures and help our community for to be a better place for all people that live in it.

Last year in August, Rachael and I had the special privilege to translate for two of the Irish

Judo teams Olympic Hopefuls. We helped them to be able to teach a group of children learning judo a short judo lesson and play some games. What I remembered the most was how much fun they brought and how engaged they were with the children. Experiences like this help me to remember a popular proverb in English, "They might not remember the things that you said, but they will never forget the way that you made the m feel."

Even in a small way, I hope to continue to contribute as much as I can to helping Fukuroi as we prepare to host the Olympics. Encouraging proactive international exchange and helping to facilitate a deeper understanding of different cultures and



languages will help Fukuroi prepare best to host the Irish Olympic Team.

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## オリンピックの準備



にオリンピックの機会に国際交流を発展させ、文化の違いを学び、私たちのコミュニティが 全ての在住者にとって住みやすい街になるよう努力したいと思います。

昨年8月、私とレイチェルはアイルランドの柔道のチームのために通訳する機会を頂きました。彼らが中学生の柔道クラブに行う短時間の柔道レッスンを、鬼ごっこなどのゲームをするのとも記憶に残ったことをもたちとよく遊んだり優しく取り組んでいたことです。このような経験のおかげで好きな英語のことわざを思い出しました。「人の言葉をよく覚えてなくても、感じさせられた気持ちを決して記れない。」

オリンピック開催に向かっている袋井 市のために少しでも自分の出来ること を続けたいと思います。積極的に国際 交流を行い、違う文化の理解を互いに 深め合うことによって、袋井市は充分 に受け入れの準備出来るのではないか と考えています。

