

## **Newsletter No. 12, November 2021**

Dear subscribers,

Less than 1 month until Christmas. How time flies!

Before the year comes to a close, we still have exciting events coming up.

Our last JMM event of the year is a workshop on December 3<sup>rd</sup> on how entrepreneurship and innovation can make rural areas more attractive and resilient.

We will have 8 distinguished speakers, out of which 2 are from local governments in Germany. They will share their success stories in making their villages attractive, with lots of people and companies moving there.

In addition, we'll hear success stories of revitalising rural Kobe through sustainable farming and community-led activism and will learn how to bring state-of-the-art specialist medical care to the countryside in Nagano.

I am extremely pleased to have a wide variety of speakers ranging from entrepreneurs, business owners, NGOs, activists, academics and representatives from local governments, promising lots of interesting insights into the topic of rural revitalization.

Here is the whole programme:

<https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/jm/news/detail/24>

Here is the link to sign up for the event (participation can be on ZOOM or at the Toshokan Hall at KGU). Participation is free, but registration closes on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.gle/nKfd5jiSXQ7UxcBPA>

I would also like to use this chance to invite you to the online visit of the EU Delegation in Tokyo on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11-12.30, organized by Prof. Bungsche, the Jean Monnet Chair. If you are interested, please have a look at the programme (attached to this email).

In addition to organizing the workshop, I have been busy writing articles on rural development in Japan and the EU. Once they are published, you will be one of the first to know. Stay tuned, and more importantly, stay safe and healthy.

Best regards,

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