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Global Spotlight

Global Spotlight focuses on employees from the Mitsubishi companies who are excelling in their respective fields around the world. In each issue we will get to know different employees, who will tell us about their hometowns, businesses, culture, and pastimes.

from
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The Joint Venture

MUBGAM is a joint venture between Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking and Baillie Gifford, a UK based investment manager. The origins of the joint venture stretch back to 1989 with Toyo Trust, providing advice on overseas investment portfolios. Underlying investors include many of Japan's largest public and corporate pension funds which wish to have exposure to overseas assets, such as global equities.



Baillie Gifford offices

The Athens of the North

Edinburgh has some similarities with Kobe, which I lived in during the late 1990s. Like Kobe, Edinburgh is bounded by the sea on one side and hills on the other. Edinburgh is also very cosmopolitan, with lots of historical sights and an arts festival that attracts thousands of tourists each year. Unfortunately, being on a similar latitude to Moscow, it is a good bit colder.

Among the most prominent features are Arthur's Seat—a long extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle and the New Town, which isn't very new anymore, having been built about 150 years ago. With so many places for tourists to visit, it is sometimes referred to as the Athens of the North.



Kenichi Komiya

As Edinburgh is quite small—it's only about one-third the size of Kobe—many people walk to work or have very short commutes. Currently we have 3 members of staff from Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking in Tokyo on secondment. Each usually spends around 3 years with us, learning about how we invest. The Joint Venture is directly supported by a team of 5 from Baillie Gifford, including Kenichi Komiya who was the original secondee from Toyo Trust over 30 years ago!

Close to the office is Arthur's Seat, one of a number of large green spaces in Edinburgh. This makes it a popular place for a walk, run or cycle. The circumference is not dissimilar to the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and with lots of competitive people, the fastest lunch lap time is keenly contested by employees.

The Castle at the top of Royal Mile, Edinburgh's historical "Old Town," is also nearby and has superb views over the city. At the bottom of the Royal Mile is Holyrood Palace, the Queen's residence in Edinburgh when she comes to visit.

In the "New Town," one of the interesting things to do is look out for the signs, statues and plaques, marking where prominent people were born or lived. Search for the likes of Alexander Graham Bell (the inventor of the telephone), John Napier (who gave us logarithms) or Arthur Conan Doyle (the author of the Sherlock Holmes novels) to learn about the contribution Scots have made to the world.



The Old Town in Edinburgh, a city known as The Athens of the North. Top right, Arthur's Seat reaches for the sky.



Overlooking Edinburgh is the Dugald Stewart Memorial on Carlton Hill at the top of the Royal Mile.



Plaque commemorating Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

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