



My name is Iwao FUJII. People call me FUJI, easier to remember and to pronounce.

I have been living in Upper Moutere since 2008 and our son, Satoru, is currently part of Turama class and enjoying his school life.

I am running an education agent which welcomes students from Japan into local New Zealand schools.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the border was strictly closed for the last two and a half years but students have gradually started to arrive. New Zealand is one of the most ideal destinations for young Japanese to study and to find their paths outside of their own county. And we are very thrilled to see them grow and shine throughout the years of experience here.

Before coming to New Zealand, I had worked for a couple of large worldwide financial institutions.

My specialty then was the debt finance for global large companies, mainly Japanese ones.

The various experiences from back then gave me a broader perspective over the world and led us to New Zealand after some years.

I am standing for the board member election for my second term. With three years' experience, I am sure I can contribute more to the school and to the Upper Moutere community. And I would like to add a bit of different view into the board meeting as a Japanese-Kiwi.

Very much looking forward to working together with you all to make Upper Moutere School a better place to study and enjoy.