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Nationality: Japanese

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Summary

- Holder of MA in European studies (an English program) as well as MA in economics with good understanding of the EU institutions through working at an EU institution (EESC)
- Work experience at consultancy firms in Brussels (worked mainly for Japanese clients): managing client relationships, monitoring EU regulations and policies, translating reports, assisting in organizing events
- Highly motivated, proactive and flexible worker with ample international experience, fluent in English, Japanese (mother tongue), Intermediate level of Dutch, basic level of French

1. Work Experience

- 01/2017 – 04/2017 Consultant, Grayling (Public Affairs), Belgium**
Building and managing client relationships by using Japanese cultural background
Monitoring EU policies and regulations especially in the field of transport and environment
Observing and reporting the development of the EU-Japan FTA negotiation
Translating reports and news (English, Japanese)
Assisting in organizing events including offering tailored support to the clients as well as advertising the events via media
- 10/2015 – 03/2016 Project Assistant (Part-time), KU Leuven, Belgium**
Worked for an EU-funded program (EU-Japan Double Degree Master program):
Drafting an interim report and financial data of the program, Assisting in organization of a project meetings as well as a conference with the partner
- 03/2015 – 02/2016 Research Assistant (Part-time), Euro Vision & Associates (Consultancy firm), Belgium**
Compiling and translating reports concerning policies on transportation and energy in Europe mainly for Japanese companies and institutions
Assisting in organizing an international event in collaboration with Embassy of Japan in Belgium
- 02/2014 – 03/2014 Internship, The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Belgium**
Drafting press releases at the President's cabinet
Assisting an organization of an event for EU-Japan cooperation
Researching on youth unemployment in Europe as key competitiveness

2. Education

- 04/2013 – 03/2016 MA. Economics, Kobe University, Japan**
Courses: Statistical methods for policy analysis, International Relations, European economic history, European integration history, etc.
- 09/2014 – 09/2015 MA. European Studies (English program), KU Leuven, Belgium (Cum laude)**
Courses: Transnational and global perspectives on Europe: Ideas, theories and methodologies, European economy in a historical perspective, etc.
- 09/2011 – 07/2012 Exchange program, European Culture and Society, KU Leuven, Belgium**
Courses: The European social model, Institutions and Policy of the EU, etc.
- 04/2009 – 03/2013 BA, Intercultural Studies, Kobe University, Japan**
Courses: Global governance, International Relations, Politics of the EU in the world, etc.

3. Certification

- 31/03/2016** **Graduate Certificate in European Union Studies, EUJ Kansai, Japan**
Courses: Advanced econometrics, History of European Integration, etc.
(The certificate program is supported by the European Commission and is the largest program in the EU studies in Japan)

4. Workshops / Conferences

- 10/03/2014** **Guest Speaker, Symposium “Globalisation of Higher Education from the perspective of EU-Japan collaboration”**
Organized by: EESC, EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Kobe University etc.
Held in Brussels, Belgium
- 22/07/2013** **Guest Speaker, Symposium “Student’s Role in Higher Education Quality Assurance”**
Organized by: National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation
Held in Tokyo, Japan

5. Extra Curricular

- 09/2012 – 03/2014** **Founder of “Support Center for Activities Abroad” (student organization), Japan**
- Organizing events for students who want to go abroad
 - Developing association concept, working strategy and team-work system
 - Communication with stakeholders
 - Providing trainings for new members

6. Skills / Competences

Language

- Japanese: Mother tongue
- English: Fluent
- Dutch: Intermediate
- French: Basic

Computer

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power point, Outlook): Proficient user
- Stata (Statistical software): Good user
- Social Media, Internet: Proficient user

Personal

- Ample experience working abroad and developed communication skills
- Ample experience of team building and networking
- Very good at adapting to new environments with a thorough understanding of different cultures
- Enjoys a new challenge
- Flexible and efficient planning

7. Eligibility

- Holder of both a residence permit and a work permit for Belgium