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Work Objective

- Translation and interpretation of literature, (fiction, non-fiction, and business documents)
- Goodwill ambassador between communication challenged business organizations
- Bridging communications between business organizations with similar business focus

Summary of Experience

- 12+ years of Japanese language study including kanji.
- Experience interpreting in a professional business setting for a Japanese company.
- Extensive experience translating for a Japanese organization that works together with local government.
- Experience translating for colleagues' business ventures with a Japanese company's work.
- Experience translating works of literary fiction and video games.
- Diligent in the profession of language interpretation.
- Respectful towards the idea of presenting the best possible product for customers and potential buyers.
- Excellent aptitude for critical thinking and practical application thereof.

Language Skills

- English Native speaker.
- Japanese Fluent: Reading, writing, listening and speech.
- Chinese Conversational: Reading and writing.
- Indonesian Bahasa Beginner Reading, writing, listening and speech.

Skills Acquired Through Work History

- Knowledge of managing a business based on customer demand
 - o Including allocation of resources available, and time management
- Self-Starter with the aptitude of setting a goal of improving everything I am responsible to manage.
- Situational management and communication skills when speaking to customers, supervisors, and business partners.
- Diligent in placing my best effort towards the production of goods and services.
- Constantly focused on the satisfaction of my community of customers and coworkers.

Skills Acquired Through Educational History

- I have a deep love for the study of linguistics and language.
- Ardent over-achiever, with the ability to never give up regardless of difficulty.
- When presented a challenge, rather than fearing failure or complications, I look forward to an opportunity to improve myself and learn something new.
- The ability to set a goal, make rigorous steps towards it, and achieve said goal.

Education

- Bachelor of Arts Modern Languages Clemson University, Clemson, SC
 - o Major Japanese
 - o Minor International Business
- Tri-County Community College
 - o Liberal Arts & College Foundation Classes

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Employment Record

Freelance Translation Service April 2024 - Present

I have started up my own freelance translation service to offer to businesses big, small, and of
individual ownership. I have honed my skills both in translating from Japanese to English and vice
versa, through working on forms of media such as books, text adventure novels, video games, and
professional social media accounts. I have also learned the skills to handle the finer points of
interpersonal communication in business, due to my many collaborative efforts with other
translators, artists, and creators.

The Yuki Experience Centre of Hiroshima, Japan (Remote translator for social media platforms such as Instagram, and helped on major projects to translate maps, brochures, and business ledgers for surrounding businesses) June 2021 - February 2022

• Some of the work that I am most proud of was facilitated through the Yuki Experience Centre. The Centre deals with helping visitors and tourists alike in enjoying the town of Yuki and its beautiful natural scenery. I'm happy to know that the post board map that they have to help guide English speaking visitors through the area was translated by me, thoroughly and with utmost care for the minutest detail. I also developed an expertise in the use of Microsoft Excel and Word, and got firsthand experience in translating legal documents and business ledgers.

JTEKT Blythewood, SC (Worked as an on-site interpreter. Engineers were brought in from Japan in order to work on the machinery on the factory floor for JTEKT, Koyo Bearings. Hired to help facilitate business and conversation between English/Japanese speaking workers and engineers) June 2023 – January 2024

• The time spent in this line of work may have been short, but it was very valuable in my eyes for getting hands-on experience with interpreting for two parties in real-time. I have done this before in both non-professional and semi-professional backgrounds, but with this, I am proud to say that I can add "fully professional" interpreting work to my resume.

Cookout (Worked at night as a cook, food preparer, stocker, clerk, janitor, and dealt with managerial responsibilities) March 2017 – February 2018

• Through this job I learned the value of putting forth not only my effort towards a team project, but I also learned how I could apply myself to better the experience of customers to my business through questioning how the best possible outcome of a product can be made with the greatest consideration towards the customers' desires.

Ingles Deli Worker (Worked at nights preparing foods, stocking inventory for the deli area, assisting customers, and keeping the store well kempt and looking good as new) March 2018 - April 2020

 Through this job, I learned the importance of respecting the values and concerns of my teammates, while also keeping an eye to being strict and decisive when the matter necessitates the betterment of employee workload and of customer satisfaction.

Plant Partners Merchandiser for Lowes (Organization and aiding of sales for items in the gardening center of Lowes (a home improvement store)) March 2021 – August 2021

• My time at this business was short; however, I have already had the opportunity to learn skills for better organizing inventory as well as my time for work.