

<試験官に関して>
試験官は以下2名でした。

外国人試験管(NS)：初老の紳士、声は大きくないが英語は聞き取りやすかった。英国系か、主として質問

通訳ガイドもしくは人物考査担当試験官(TG or GO)：40代後半、ベテランの女性。最初の名前住所の確認(英語)と最後の質問(日本語)

<面接試験の実際>

I	Good afternoon.
TG	Good afternoon.荷物の置き場所を指示 Take Your Seat.
I	Thank you.
TG	What is your name? Where do you live?
I	My name is XXX. I live in Machida City, west of Shinjuku. It takes about one hour and fifteen minutes from there to this university.
NS	I will ask you some questions. What is the most famous summer firework display in Japan?
I	It is the Oomagari Firework Display in Akita Prefecture. Across the River Omono, tens of thousands of fireworks are shot in the summer sky, It is very glorious. It attracts tens of thousands of tourists throughout Japan.
NS	How can I go there?
I	From Tokyo by Tohoku Shinkansen, exchange at Morioka to Akiita Shinkansen, to the nearby station.
NS	What is the difference between Buddhism and Shintoism?
I	Both are deeply rooted in the Japanese people's way of life. Shinto is an indigenous religion of Japan. It has no systematized theory and scripture. Japanese people think Shintoism as a ritual in usual life rather than religion. They go to Shinto Shrine to pay New Year's visit, to purify themselves during the unfortunate years and go to "sitii-go-san" gala day for children. Buddhism is an imported religion from China in the 6 th century. Today it is deeply related with funerals. Japanese people go to temples during Bon Festival and Equinoctial Weeks to pay respect to their ancestors' graves.
NS	In connection with Bon Festival, why is Bon Festival dancing done?
I	It was originally held for the wishing of rich harvest in autumn. Today it becomes the town people's event for wishing before autumn.
NS	What wishing?
I	To expect cool and comfortable autumn.
NS	What is the climate difference between the coldest spot and the hottest spot in Japan, also the difference of clothes?
I	Japanese archipelago stretches some three thousand and five hundred kilo meters from south to north. So the difference of the climate is very big between the coldest northernmost part Japan Hokkaido and the hottest southernmost part Japan Okinawa. In Hokkaido people wear thick coat during the winter, while in Okinawa

	people wear as thinly as possible. The climate of Hokkaido is subarctic, while the climate of Okinawa is subtropical. The climate of Okinawa in cold January is that of Tokyo in May. In the hottest summer people wear no sleeves.
NS	During this ten years, Japanese economy seems weak. How do you think of it?
I	Japanese economy is stable. The high-raised currency, strong yen makes Japanese buying power big. What is most serious now is the budget deficit and social securities. Due to aging population the social security expenses increased. The Japanese Government should make effort to lessen the deficit and to make a society so that all generations can live equally.
TG	最後に日本語で教えてください。あなたは、ツアーガイドになったらどのような点に気をつけますか。
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・外国人の方は、私を通して日本を理解されます。日本について、正しい印象を持ってもらうよう、しっかりと勉強を続けます。 ・お見えになる方には高齢の方もいらっしゃると思います。そのような方でも旅行を楽しんでいただけるよう、思いやりの心を持ちたいと思います。 ・ツアーでは思わぬことも起こると思います。そのような時にも、適確に対応できるよう準備を徹底し、臨機応変に行動できるようにしたいと思います。
NS	Today's work finished.
I	Finished. Thank you.
	NS、TG にドアロでも丁重に挨拶して辞去、NS からは丁重に目礼があった。

<反省点、後輩へのアドバイス>

質問内容は、富士の2次対策コースで勉強したことが殆どであった。

こうして面接を振り返ると、「こうすべきだった」と思うこともあるが、David 先生、Nigel 先生にご指導いただいたことを自分としては何とか生かせたかと思う。

最後の質問は、教室の最終日、election の関連で Daily Yomiuri の記事に目を通しておくようにとの学校からの指示があったのもタイムリーであった。

富士での努力が良い方向に出るものと信じています。