

<試験官に関して>

試験官は以下2名でした。

外国人試験官(NS) :

中年の紳士。少し丸い感じ。銀髪、碧眼、イギリスの人かも。おだやかに話し、聞きとりやすい。「役」というより、素直に自分の感情で話している感じ。主にNSがしゃべる。

通訳ガイドもしくは人物考査担当試験官 (TG or GO) :

女性。やせ型。40~50歳くらい。おとなしい感じだが、私がNSと話している際、情報を確認するようにうなずいてくれて、話しやすかった。

<面接試験の実際>

NS	Good morning! Thank you for coming.
I	Good morning. I'm glad to be here.
NS	May I have your name please?
I	My name is xxx.
NS	Where do you live?
I	I live in Saitama city, at the north of Tokyo.
NS	Were you born there?
I	No, I was born in Kumamoto.
NS	Oh, Kyusyu! I went to Kumamoto three or four times.
I	Really? Kumamoto City is a beautiful castle town. I love my hometown very much.
NS	Yes! It's a nice city, not too big and not too small.
I	That's right!
NS	So, I will ask you two or three questions, OK?
I	Yes, please!
NS	Soon, Christmas will come. What does Christmas mean for Japanese?
I	It's a party time! We do Christmas not for religious reasons. We eat delicious food and exchange presents. Lovers have a good time together.
NS	Lovers have a good time?
I	Yes.(汗)

NS	How do you spend your Christmas?
I	I have a party with my daughter. Also, I prepare a present. It's very difficult to put a present secretly besides her pillow. But she is now the fifth grader ...
NS	Oh! She may be...
I	Yes, she suspects the existence of Santa Claus recently.
NS	(ほっこり)By the way, I want to go Mt. Fuji. Please tell me about that.
I	Oh, you can get there by train. You get on the Kaiji express train from Shinjuku station and transfer to the Fujisan express train at Otsuki and get to Fujisan station. There, you can use a bus to the fifth station.
NS	Fifth station.(うなずく) Do you want to climb Mt. Fuji?
I	Of course! I would like to climb and see a beautiful sunrise at the top of the mountain!
NS	(うなずく)I can really see Mt. Fuji because its upper area is always smoky... how can I do?
I	In November and December, when air is clear, you have more chances to see the mountain even from Tokyo.
NS	Oh! I see. I would like to go to sea. Where do you recommend?
I	I recommend Shonan area near Kamakura. This area is famous for surfing. Especially among young people. It's very beautiful. It takes one and half hours from Tokyo.
NS	I see. Do you have jobs?
I	Yes, I have a part-time job. I am correcting answer sheets for high school students.(ここで日本人TGが「あー」と・・・)
NS	What kind of answer sheets?
I	English for entrance examinations.
NS	It sounds tough, doesn't it?
I	Yes, It's really tough.(笑)
NS	OK, my questions are over. Next, she will ask you some questions in Japanese.
I	I see. Thank you very much!

TG	通訳ガイドになられたら、どんなことに気をつけてガイドしたいですか？
I	そうですね、初めて日本に来られる方も多いと思うので、笑顔を忘れずに、安心感を与えられるようなガイドを心がけたいと思います。
TG	以上で終了です。本日はありがとうございました、
I	こちらこそ、ありがとうございました。Thank you very much!

<受験の感想>

後で考えるともっと言えることがあったのでは・・・と思うのですが、とにかく笑顔と quick response を心がけて頑張りました。

実は前日に心が折れてしまったのですが、開き直って臨みました。8分間を2分(あいさつと雑談)+4分(質問2~3個、ひとは失敗しても大丈夫)+2分(日本語)と考え、最初と最後はきっちりしようと思いました。

どうなるかわかりませんが、自分から積極的に会話する姿勢が大切なような気がいたしました。お世話になりありがとうございました。

(英語はところどころろ覚えなので・・・こんな感じのことを言っていたということです。)