



1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

Taking away the confines of the harshest reality there is, I'd love to revisit my dream job as a robot builder. As a kid, I was a fan of the Transformers. I even remember waking up quite early on weekends to catch up on the episode airing on our TV. Growing up, I still had the fantasy of being able to make things like vehicles or animals that turned into robots. Fast forward to today, after learning sciences, I've realized that fictional robots defy reality and would need more than the current technology we have now to function. I wanted to be a robot builder just so I could provide the world with different uses for robots like transportation, defensive maneuvers, or even a friend to be with. Guess my imagination's quite a big ball of surprise; what a dream come true would that be.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

One of the exasperating situations I had in college was having difficulty understanding a subject in the first semester of my second year. I don't know if it was me being new to the subject or just the way the professors or teachers do their job, but no matter how much I try, I miss a few things along the way, and I got failing marks from the Prelim and Midterm. To overcome it, I made time to re-review the subject matter from the first week up to the last. I also did practice items than I would do in the subject's concepts. The exam time came, I did my best, I was able to hit just above the passing grade for the subject. Right there and then, I overcame the situation so well, and with that, I carried on through college adapting the strength I've gained from this experience.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

During my OJT days, I underwent training in Ayala's Islasol, a solar generation power plant based in Negros Occidental. I was stationed in the plant near our home in La Carlota, and for six weeks I was able to learn much, from maintenance to data reading and many more. The task that was most challenging to me was when we went to Manapla plant to fully check the solar panels that needed to be replaced from the first station up to the last station. It was challenging because the solar modules in Manapla were on irregular terrain, and scaling the area was difficult for our team, crossing hills and slopes. The task I enjoyed the most was assisting their technician in checking substation components and replacing defective parts. That for me was a good experience, especially in the applications of the field of my course as an electronics engineer.



4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

My managers during my on-the-job training would describe me as someone who's willing and eager to learn. In many workplaces, like the one I was in, observation and following instructions were one of the many things they would always emphasize, and from someone who's an open book, taking in all the information the department would bestow upon the trainees was something I was told I was always doing. Through that, I was able to remember their routines in setting up generation quotas for the company's substation, or what it meant when the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Unit would display a warning on one of its fields, to even knowing how solar generation works as whole, from the rays of the sun to the panels up to the processes being done. With this, it became my routine to become receptive, even in college and, possibly in an actual job.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

One thing I can say I am proud of is having finished my degree under a scholarship, which means I survived through college with the help of a sponsor, in this case, the Philippines' Department of Science and Technology (DOST). To me, scholarships are something worth noting because they're one way of affirming your potential as a student and can help with the expenses you incur in the institution. In high school, I would try to apply for these grants to help with school expenses, but I was always rejected. Come the year before college, I saw a notice informing people of an ongoing scholarship program via DOST, to which I applied. The process was hard that time, having to take tests and such, but when I saw my name on the official list that day, it felt like a dream come true, and a longtime one at that.