



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

My dream job would be working as a lawyer should anything be possible. I base my reason for wanting to be in this profession on a Japanese concept called "Ikigai". The word "Ikigai" translates to the phrase "a reason to live". And that for a person to be fulfilled in life, he/she must choose a purpose that qualifies based on the following criteria: 1.) That the job is what you love to do; 2.) That job pays well; 3.) That it is something that the world needs; 4.) That it is something you're good at. For the first reason, I always loved reading about the laws of this country and their effects on simple everyday transactions or actions. Second, an average lawyer may not be rich, contrary to popular opinion. But they are paid above average and enough to make a good living out of it. Third, the world does need lawyers because people would have no way of settling disputes and no one to protect people's rights otherwise. And lastly, I will hopefully be good at this profession once I finish law school and eventually pass the BAR exam.

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?

As a letter translator, I experienced a stressful situation when I was tasked with translating a lot of letters in a very short amount of time. Translating letters takes a while because there is a need to ensure that once the letter is translated, it still retains the same ideas that the original writer expressed. One thing that I did to overcome such a challenge was to break down all the major steps into smaller tasks and by doing so, I was able to transform my work into something manageable and less overwhelming. Also, I refocused my mind to continually be in the present moment. Any work that I do will get hampered eventually if I keep thinking about something else, especially work that is still left undone. By maintaining a presence of mind to be in the present moment, I get to focus on what is in front of me, which in turn keeps me grounded and consistent over a prolonged period. In conclusion, a task that might initially seem intimidating and overwhelming can be done effectively by breaking it down to smaller pieces and being in the present moment.



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

The most challenging task in my previous position was translating essays and letters written by children from Filipino to English language. The task was challenging to me since it was my first attempt at doing a job. Another challenge was that a different type of accuracy was needed since I had to make sure that the ideas expressed between the original and the translated letter were the same. In addition, I have a small weakness in reading comprehension when it comes to the Filipino language, which makes it sometimes difficult to interpret what the children have written. Despite these challenges, letter translation was the task I enjoyed the most because of the purpose behind those letters. The purpose was for the sponsored children to be given the chance to communicate their gratefulness to their foreign sponsors. The work was so rewarding since I can see that I'm directly contributing to a great cause. Helping those poor children in any way that I can makes the job enjoyable no matter how hard the work to be done.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

My past managers and colleagues would most likely describe my work ethic as consistent and constantly improving. I always make it a habit that in whatever endeavor I commit myself to



be consistent in every task and doing what needs to be done with a priority in accuracy and timeliness. Being consistent allows me to easily build the right habits when it comes to doing my work effectively. For example, consistently being on time builds the habit of punctuality and having this habit allows me to spend less energy on forcing myself to wake up every morning. In addition, I always take the initiative to improve upon my work-related skills and output. I get to improve my work ethic through performing a self-reflection analysis to determine which areas have room for improvement, how to limit errors and thoroughly specifying any mistakes I make so that I can fully avoid them in the future.

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

First, I'm proud and grateful for being able to successfully graduate college because it took a lot of hard work and sacrifice from both me and my parents to achieve this and not everyone has the privilege or the opportunity to go to college and eventually graduate. In addition, I'm also proud of the fact that I was successful in joining the Path Cutters training program. This is my first ever attempt at a formal job and simply being included in the training program is already a huge success for me. This success might be considered a small thing overall and in the grand scheme of things but, I was always taught by my parents that it is important for me to celebrate the small success just as much as the big ones in life. Acknowledging any small success helps me be motivated and disciplined to keep pursuing my goals both in the professional and personal aspects of my life.