

Internship Report: BEST ON

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From January 30 to Friday February 10, I have the amazing opportunity to be part of the BEST-ON family. A company committed to prevent and avoid fire disasters.



During my time there, I was able to get to know how does the Japanese's business/companies works. We have the normal worker schedule, from 8:50 am to 6pm, we had lunch with our really nice co-workers, whom always were there to help me on any question or problems I had; especially the problems I had with the copy-machine. We spend time learning about the internal structure, the important role that each

employee has on that structure. My work was mostly in the Human Resources area, I learned a lot of that area and I enjoy learned it! The boss of the company, Matsumoto San, was really patient and kind with me, he had always a lesson to teach us and he do it in a really *sempai* way.

I was surprised how they work with a teamwork propriety line; everyone knows what the job of the others is, so if one person is sick or absent, other person would be able to do their job, with this the company would not be. I think this is the reason why Japanese companies have a lot of prestigious all around the world, because they really work together, they now that the company's goals are more important that the individual work. That's why a company is more like a family, you help each other to finish the work.

I also have the amazing experience of doing on field-work. There, we were able to realize how does the fire prevention systems work in an older people-care asylum. That was a really important part of the job, because there I can realized that all the

on office work has its repercussion in the real life of people, and if you do it well you can save many lives.



During my time at the company I also have more on field- experience. We went to a first-aid center, to learn first aids basics and to learn how to react in that kind of situation, to some museums such as the fireman museum and an earthquake simulation-prevention center. We also went to the traditional

Japanese tea ceremony. But one of the best on field practice we had was going to an elementary school to see how does the lunch system works, it was incredible how does the kids cooked, serve, eat and clean after lunch. It was so amazing to able to talk with the kids, and to share lunch time with them. At that time I realized the social and cultural structures that japan has and that makes it unique, but even more important, functional and efficient. We also take kickboxing lessons from the *Muay Thai* champion Shirou Matsumoto.

I have to mention that the both persons that take care more of me and my internship partner Diana, were Fukuda San and Ishiyama San. They teach me all I need to Know and do in the company. It was one of the best experience I had not only in my time in Japan, but in my entire life.

