



Job-Hunting Stories 2024

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COMPANY NAME

Leave a Nest Co., Ltd.

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS ARE INVOLVED WITH THAT JOB? (JOB DESCRIPTION)

Project-based work to empower researchers with entrepreneurship skills and support the development of venture companies.

Why did you decide to work in Japan?

I aim to be the bridge between Bangladesh and Japan.

What are your reasons for choosing the company/institute?

I always wanted to work in a global company with diverse environment and Leave a Nest is such a company where I can work for Singapore, the Philippines and Malaysia while residing in Japan.

How many jobs did you apply for? (more details such as interviews, web application, etc.)

I didn't count, but I have applied to around 40 jobs, some of which were out of my background.

What are the most common questions you were asked during the interview?

- Why did you apply?
- What is your vision?
- What kind of problem do you want to address?

Do you have any tips for job hunting? If you have, please explain the details.

For international students, learning Japanese is a must if you really want to have a career here. For Japanese students, build networking as much as you can.

How do you give advice to future students?

To my juniors, my advice would be: don't focus only on studying or research. If you want to build a successful career, prioritize developing your skills (language, communication, leadership, software, AI) and networking as well. After graduation, you may face even more frustrations than you experienced as a student.