

合格例

<試験官に関して>

外国人試験官(NS)：男性。見ためでは 30 歳前後の若い米国人(?)。体格は若干太めで、愛想は良い。英語は極普通の native の発音。ただ最初の質問は聞き逃して、聞き返した。殆どの質問が彼からされた。

通訳ガイド(TG)：女性。年恰好は 34 から 35 歳までか? 愛想が言いと言うわけではないが、好印象を与える女性。

人物考査担当試験官(GO)：細身でメガネをかけ、神経質そうな男性。白髪の混じり具合から 40 歳前後か? 愛想は良いとは言えない。

<面接試験の実際>

TG: Could you tell me your name and where are you from?

I: My name is ○○○○. And I'm from ×××

NS: I will ask some questions. At first, why do Japanese people associate with more people outside than family members?

I: Because Japanese men are required to work in group in companies, therefore they must keep good relation with their colleagues. Moreover, in case of rural community people are supposed to associate within their community members in order to keep good relation among them. In other words, they are putting more importance on the relation with people outside, but not because they are putting less importance on the relation with family members.

NS: Do you think that consumption taxes should be raised?

I: Yes, I think so. Japan has been suffering from the shortage of tax revenues. And there aren't so many options to take. Raising consumption tax is one of the possible solutions for Japan to take. It is quite indicative that some of European countries have been taking a policy of higher tax system including consumption tax for providing high level of social welfare system. Those models could be one of options for Japan to consider in the future.

NS: If there is a foreigner who just arrived in Japan, where do you recommend him or her to visit in Japan?

I: I would like to recommend them to go to Hiroshima that is near to my

hometown. Hiroshima is famous as the first victim city of atomic bomb in human history. You may be able to have a look at the Atomic Bomb dome and attached museum there. I'm sure people would be moved by the exhibited models of devastated sites.

And the same time, in Hiroshima, there is Miyajima which is famous for its scenic beauty and also a shrine in the sea.

Both are registered as the World Heritage Sites.

GO: What do you normally take to go there?

I: I normally take the bullet train, Shinkansen. Because it is less expensive, and it's also fun to travel by train. It normally takes little less than 5 hours these days.

NS: What is Seijin no hi?

I: Seijin no hi is the Coming-of-age day, and one of the national holidays, which falls on either the second or the third Monday of January under the Happy Monday system which has been introduced lately. I do not exactly remember if it is the second or the third Monday of January.

NS: What do you do on that day?

I: Oh, we celebrate them. Normally, city governments invite 20-year-old people to somewhere like city halls for the ceremony, where normally celebrities such as famous singers or famous university professors are invited for singing or for giving presentation.

NS: What do you think there are some people who do not pay NHK's viewing fee?

I: I think it is an obligation, so long as you are viewing NHK broadcasting. I'm paying myself, because I think it is quite worthwhile for high quality in the contents. Moreover it's not fair for staying away from paying viewing fee as long as you are viewing. Also, it's quite awkward to refuse to pay, when NHK's agent visits home to collect fee.

NS: (NSは、TGに向かって、何か追加で聞くようなことは無いかを確認した後、以下発言。) That's all. Thank you for coming.

(ここで、彼はTGとGOには分からない様に、私に向かってウインクをした。この動作で、合格を確信した。余程、ウインクし返そうかと思っただが、TGとGOの手前、軽く shrug off して、退室した。)