

<試験官に関して>

試験官は以下 2 名でした。

外国人試験官 (NS) : 40 代~50 代くらいの男性で、声は小さく優しい感じの人でした。英語は standard English のように思いました。

通訳ガイド (TG) : 50 代くらいの女性で、とても優しい感じでした。終始にこやかで、最後はとても素敵な笑顔でした。

<面接試験の実際>

NS	Would you explain one of the world heritage sites in Kyoto?
I	Yes. In Japan there are many world heritage sites. Especially Kyoto has many world heritage sites. I would explain Ryoan temple. The temple has unique garden. Although there are many landscape gardens across the country, this garden is dry garden. It consists of rocks and sand. Rocks represent mountains and sand represent the ocean. And also there are 15 rocks in the garden. Many people can find 14 rocks, however, it is difficult to find last one. So it is worth finding. It is very interesting.
NS	What is Bonenkai?
I	Bonenkai is a kind of party. Especially, it is popular among business people. The party would be held at the end of the year. It means to forget many things what happened in the year, including good and bad things, and reset for the coming new year. At the party, people discuss freely and make a strong bond without hesitating any business ranking whether he is a boss or subordinate. Older people tend to go to Japanese pubs called Izakaya, while young people tend to go to fancy restaurants such as Italian restaurant. It is very fun.
NS	What is tea ceremony?
I	Tea ceremony is a ritual event of having tea. It is a kind of art. The tea ceremony was completed by Sen-no-Rikyu in the 16 th century. He was a great tea master. In the tea ceremony, "begin with a bow and finish with a bow" this polite custom reflects the sprite of the tea ceremony. The essence of the tea ceremony is considered that discipline should be more important than the ritual term or technical skills. The host should be careful in choosing the utensils, such as tea cup, hanging scroll and flowers for the guests. In return, the guests should express their thanks to the host. The key point is that the tea ceremony helps people develop mental strength through the practices.
TG	ガイドにとって何が一番大切だと思いますか？
I	私は warm hospitality が一番大切だと思います。お客様が自国に帰られた後も連絡が取り合えるような、そんな案内をしたいと思っています。もちろん knowledge や英語力も大切ですが、何より「日本に来てよかった」と心に残る印象深い思い出ができるよう、そして日本のことを知ってもらい、日本が好きになってほしいと思っています。私自身も外国で親切にして頂いたので、多くの外国の方に親切にしたいと思っています。

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