

<試験官に関して>

外国人試験官 (NS) : 50 代 圧迫感はないが特に親しみを感じるタイプにも見えなかった。声も発音も聞きづらくはない。

通訳ガイド (TG) : 50~60 代 最初の氏名・住所のみ 視線のほとんどが外国人へむかったため印象が薄かった。

<面接試験の実際>

TG	Tell me your name and where do you live?
I	My name is ×××. I live ~word, Tokyo.
NS	Tell me about Japanese geographic character.
I	Japan is a very mountainous country. 67% of its total land area is covered by mountains. Plains account for only 13%. Japanese rivers are short and fast flowing. Japanese archipelago stretches north to south about 3500km so we have lots of variety of fish, plants and so on.
NS	What is "Bonsai"?
I	Bonsai is aesthetic minitualization of trees. Cultiration takes many years. Selecting appropriate type of soil, periodic repotting, using fertilizer, and most important, wiring trunks and branches to create aesthetic shapes and pruning.
NS	How old do Japanese retire? What do they do after that?
I	It depends on the company. But generally speaking, retirement age is between 60 and 65. Qualifying age for national pention is from 65 so many companies hire people longer than before. After retirement some people enjoy their personal life and some started spontaneous job as volunteer.
NS	Tell me about "Tea ceremony"
I	Tea ceremony is quite different from just dnnkiry tea. Rules govern many aspect of tea ceremony. It's exchange of host's hospitality and guest's appreciation.
TG	That's all. Thank you.
I	Tank you.

<反省点、今後の課題、後輩へのアドバイス等>

面接後もっと詳細な情報を持っていたのに述べられなかったと悔しい思いをした。