

<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)：中年の女性で（40代ぐらいか）ほっそりとした金髪女性であった。やさしい印象で、丁寧に話をされ聞きやすかったが、少し声が小さい感じはした。気さくな感じで話ができ、楽しく会話ができたと思う。中心になって話を進められた。メモを見ながら、何を質問しようかと考えていた様子であった。

通訳ガイド(TG)：同じく40代ぐらいの女性でいい印象の方だった。時々、話に入ったり、うなずいたりされていた。最後に日本語で質問された。

人物考査担当試験官(GO)：いなかったように思う。

<面接試験の実際>

I	Good morning.
NS	Good morning. Please sit there.
I	Thank you.
NS	Where do you live?
I	I live in ..... , .....
TG	Maybe it's in the south....
I	Yes, it's in the south of ..... Prefecture. Very far.
NS	How did you come here?
I	Oh, by train. It took me about two and half hour.
NS	What time did you get up?
I	Well, I got up at six.
NS	Thank you very much for coming today.
I	My pleasure.
NS	May I ask you some questions?
I	Sure.
NS	Would you recommend a Japanese drink other than sake?
I	You mentioned other than sake. You mean an alcohol drink?
I	I strongly recommend shochu.
NS	Shochu?
I	Yes, it's a distilled an alcohol drink,made from wheat, buck wheat, sweet potatoes, sugar canes and some other materials.
NS	Is it made from all those meterials?
I	No, there are different types. Sake is drunk neat, but shoshu is mixed with water, tea,

	and fruit juice. There are many local brands all over Japan. I'm sure you can enjoy shochu.
NS	OK, another question. Japan has many summer festivals. What festival do you recommend?
I	I live in ....., so I recommend you Tenjinmatsuri festival. It's one of Japan's three major festivals. Many people enjoy it every year. Some boats, house boats are going on the river.
NS	How many boats are there?
I	Oh, about fifteen.
NS	How big are they?
I	about fifty.
NS	Fifty?
I	Oh, sorry, fifteen.
NS	Can I get on the boat?
I	No, just watch. Every year the festival is televised, so Osaka people look forward to it.
NS	OK, oh, one minute left.
I	Too short, ask away.
NS	There are many volcanoes in Japan. Which volcano do you recommend me to visit?
I	OK, I recommend Mt. Aso.
NS	Aso? Where...?
I	In Kyushu. It's the biggest caldera in the world. You can enjoy a great view and there are many interesting activities.
NS	Is it active?
I	Yes, it's an active volcano.
TG	最後に質問します。日本語で結構です。どのようなガイドになりたいですか。
I	日本は色々な面があり、いろいろな楽しみ方ができます。hospitalityを大切にそれぞれのニーズにあった丁寧なガイドに努めたいと思います。
NS	Thank you.
I	Thank you. I've enjoyed talking with you. Have a nice day.

<反省点、後輩へのアドバイス>

楽しく面接を受けることができたが、もう少し落ち着いて受け答えをすればよかったかなと反省している。あまりむづかしい答えではなく、外国人が知りたい日本のことを多角的にやさしく説明する準備が必要だと思った。最初の話題が「酒」の話だったので、ついつい熱弁をふるってしまった。一日前の直前セミナーがとても役立った。