

US-Japan Career Development Workshop



May 11, 2023 [Kasia Lynch, Founder - Ikigai Connections]

Agenda

- Basics: Language & Culture Studies
- Post-Graduate Options
- Hard & Soft Skills
- Top Tips
- Your Questions

Introduction

- Kasia Lynch, Founder of IkigaiConnections.com
- Job board for Japanese jobs in the US:
NihongoJobs.com



Basics: Language & Culture Studies

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- High school
- University/College
- Independent study
- Study abroad
- Internships



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Post-Graduate Options

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- Japanese jobs in general [USJBF webinars]
- JET program [JET webinars]
- MEXT
- Fulbright
- Jobs in the US
- Jobs in Japan:
 - a) typical job search
 - b) 就職活動 (Japanese system)



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Hard & Soft Skills

Hard Skills

- **Hard skills:** “abilities you gain through education, training and experience that often relate directly to a specific job or industry” (Indeed)
 - Project management
 - Copywriting
 - Graphic design
 - Economics
 - Programming
 - Nursing
 - Etc!

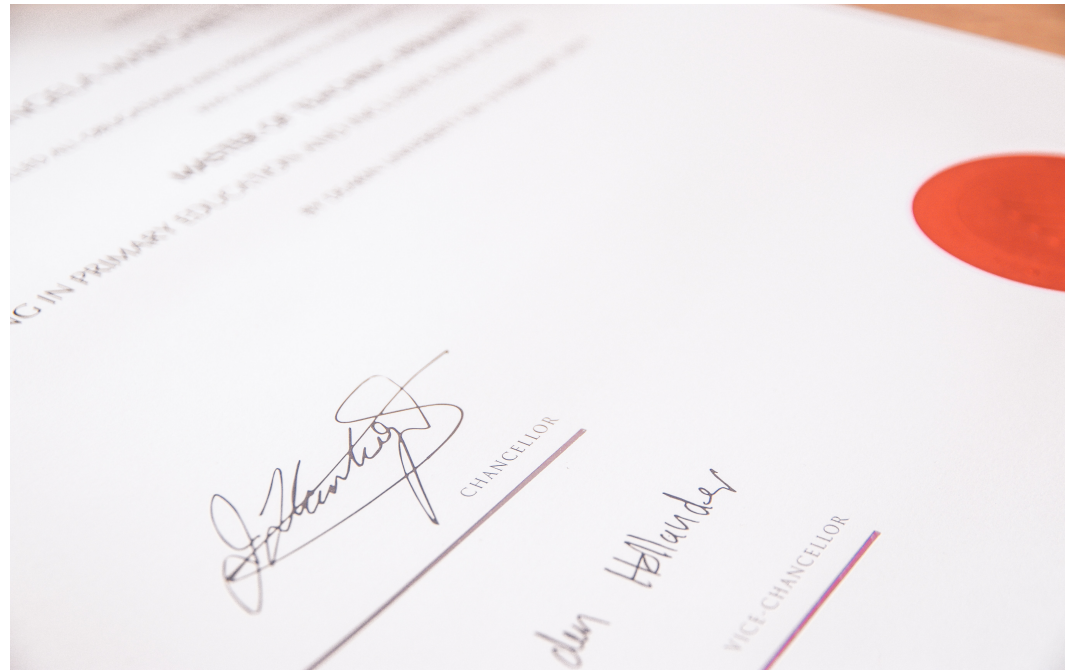


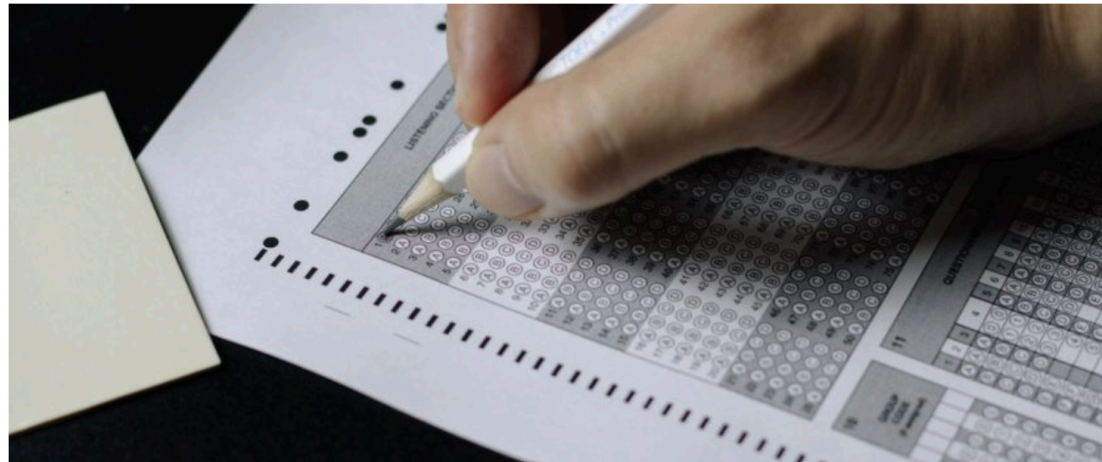
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Soft Skills

- **Soft skills:** “soft skills are interpersonal and behavioral skills that help you to work well with other people and develop your career” (Indeed)
 - Problem-solving
 - Effective communication skills
 - Self-direction
 - Drive
 - Adaptability/Flexibility
 - And more...

Hard & Soft Skills

- Hard skill: Japanese language, culture, and business culture
- JLPT & BJT
- Online language learning resources




Stop Interviewing & Hiring Based Solely On the JLPT

🕒 April 28, 2022 | 📁 Global Employers, Job Search

Top Tips

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- Language learning
- Networking: online and in-person
- *Meishi*
- Relationships



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When you are not sure what path to take, sometimes it is best to deviate from the “safe” path. Take a risk and try something you have not done before.

Jessica Kennett Cork, YKK Corporation of America

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Senpai Success Story

Senpai Success Story #29: Jessica, Bilingual Executive

🕒 March 24, 2021 | 📁 Life Advice, Senpai Success Stories

Your Questions

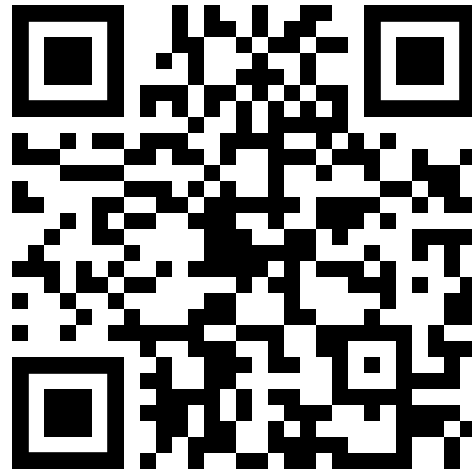
Conclusion

- Check out resources that exist
- Respect the job search struggle
- Anything is possible



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