

INTERSHIP REPORT

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In the spring semester of 2014, I held an internship at the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania. My position was at the Japan Information and Culture Center, which is dedicated to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture by providing a wide range of information and events to the Lithuanian public.

Since I was a kid my dream was to get a job at the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania. I was keen on Japanese language and Japanese culture, and the Embassy looked as a Mecca for me. In processes of seeking my goal I have entered the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy at Vytautas Magnus University, participated at exchange program in Japan. Over the years my aims have changed, but the interested in the Embassy of Japan in Lithuanian still remained. Therefore when I heard about the training program I applied immediately.

My month and a half internship in the Embassy was a worthwhile experience as it helped me gain considerable and professional knowledge about the way Japanese diplomacy is exercised by carrying out different tasks and witnessing the way work is done in the Embassy from translating documents to participating in events. The main tasks that I was assigned to do in my internship tend to fall on clerical duties that vary from translating documents to writing reports. The translation was a rewarding experience because it did not only make me sharpen my English vocabulary but also my Japanese one, especially in the domain of culture.

I am extremely grateful to H.E. Ambassador Kazuko Shiraishi, diplomats and all the staff of the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania for a guidance and supervision during my internship experience. It was more than I could expect and allowed me to discover a Japanese business culture and additionally enhanced my politics knowledge. I appreciate all the time they gave me sharing their expertise and knowledge of the field.

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