

Title: Mike, A Volunteer Interpreter

Path: Presentation Mastery

Project: Ice Breaker

Duration: 6 minutes

I'm Mike xxx.

Today, I want to introduce myself as a volunteer interpreter.

1. **The reason why I registered as a volunteer interpreter**

When I got closer to my retirement age, I started finding new things to do after my retirement.

I joined organizations where I can register as a volunteer interpreter in Hiroshima.

2. **Introducing volunteer activities**

① Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6

I have served as a receptionist for foreigners several times so far.

The contents of my work are to guide guests from the reception to the seats for foreigners, to lend and collect the simultaneous interpretation device.

The number of attendees is around 50,000. The duty hour is from 6:30 am until around 9:30 am. The place of the reception desk is under the Museum or a temporary tent beside the Museum during the earthquake-resistant construction. So It's very tough to stand for about three hours from 6:30 am until 9:30 am at a hot place such as a tent in mid-summer.

Last year, I served in the building of the International Conference Center. I guided foreigners to the Himawari hall.

The organizer started using the International Conference Center two years ago because of reducing the number of the capacity of the outside tent from around 10,000 to 7,700 due to the museum reconstruction work, aging of attendees and the measurement against hotness.

The inside of the International Conference Center is cool and comfortable. The organizer thought about my age?

② Other volunteer activities: SGG

I have been registered the goodwill guide (SGG: Systematized Goodwill Guide) of JNTO (Japan National Tourism Organization) from 2010.

Q. Is there anyone who registered SGG in this room?

- Anyone can register by just sending an application form in the JNTO webpage.
- You will get a member card and a badge.
- If you join the Hiroshima SGG club, you can get visitor information by e-mail.
- If you show your member card, the entrance fee at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Shukkeien, Hiroshima Castle, Itsukushima Shrine and Miyajima ropeway is waved. So you can save money for visitors.

3. **Outcomes from the volunteer interpreter**

- English speaking training
- You can get various information about the visitor's country.
- Our stereotype image is not correct sometimes.
Some foreigner think Japanese are hanging a camera from their neck and wearing glasses.
- Make friends
I keep in touch with some of the visitors by SNS (Facebook) after the guide.
One day, I guided a mother with her son and the son came again in 6 month. I was so delighted and took him to the Memories at my own expense (lol)

4. **Conclusion**

Since you can experience a lot of interesting things, I recommend you to become a volunteer interpreter.