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English communication is important for my life

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I want to be a lawyer. Also, I am particularly interested in the work of corporate lawyers. A corporate lawyer is a legal professional who manages legal matters related to corporate activities. Their main duties include providing legal advice to companies, preventive legal measures, and handling disputes. Within corporate legal affairs, there are various fields, such as corporate governance, M&A, finance, and crisis management. Recently, as part of my club activities, I could visit Mori Hamada & Matsumoto LPC, a corporate legal office. Then, I had the opportunity to know their work and hear insights about studying English, which I would like to share.

Mori Hamada & Matsumoto LPC is the third biggest company in Japan. There are as many as 740 lawyers in the firm, including 153 foreign lawyers. This company expects young employees to grow, one aspect of which is their English proficiency. This is because the firm handle international cases and English-based cases. The company has ten overseas bases such as China, Singapore, Vietnam, and America. English is used at these locations. About two years after joining the company, employees are encouraged to work at these bases. However, working overseas requires English proficiency above a certain standard. In other words, overseas assignments to improve English skills require employees to already have a certain level of English proficiency. Otherwise, they would not even be able to attempt the challenge.

To help employees meet this standard, the company offers two types of comprehensive English education for new hires. These are the newcomer training and ongoing training programs. As for the newcomer training, the company conducts intensive programs led by specialized external instructors. In these programs, training is conducted entirely in English throughout the day, focusing not only on improving basic skills through level-based group lessons but also on strengthening practical abilities such as drafting English emails and delivering presentations in English. In terms of the ongoing training programs, the firm offers one-on-one English lessons with a native speaker every week. During these lessons, participants can receive practical instruction tailored to their individual English proficiency and areas of interest. Additionally, seminars conducted by foreign attorneys associated with the firm are offered to enhance English drafting skills.

I mention above regarding English learning opportunities after employment, but the most crucial factor is how much I can study English during their university years, when they have more time. I am particularly weak at expressing myself in English. To improve the ability, it is essential to build confidence in my English skills. Therefore, I should study for TOEIC test and get a good score. This will lead to greater confidence in my English abilities.

I have mentioned English learning that aligns with my desired future above, but my perspective is applicable to everyone. This is because English learning has no endpoint and continues even after employment. It is difficult to find time for English learning after employment, but continuous skill development is crucial for your future. Most of all, who can speak English is cool.

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