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EDUCATION

Keio University

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Chinese (PEARL Programme)

Tokyo, Japan

September 2029

Seisen International School

International Baccalaureate Diploma (43/45 Points)

IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) (56/56 Points)

Tokyo, Japan

May 2025

- Organizations/Awards: Executive Student Council Treasurer, Brain Bowl Kanto Plains Champion, FedEx Express International Trade Challenge (Top 6 out of 72 teams), Varsity Debate, Varsity Speech, Young Investors Society, World Scholar's Cup Champion.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Social Innovation Japan

Young Leaders Fellow

Tokyo, Japan

June 2023 – Present

- Built a database of 100+ social enterprises in Japan, mapping business models to SDGs and ESG metrics.
- Analyzed financial and sustainability data to identify trends in social enterprise growth and funding.
- Collaborated with Japanese and international teams to improve outreach and operational workflows.

Stanford e-Entrepreneurship Japan

SPICE Research Fellow

Tokyo, Japan

April 2024 – August 2024

- Developed a business rationale for *Kami*, a sustainable menstrual pad made from banana fiber.
- Conducted market research and cost analysis for scalability in Japan and South Asia.
- Collaborated with Stanford mentors to refine financial models and social impact strategies.

Mamebaco Coffee

Finance & Sales Intern

Tokyo, Japan

April 2023 – November 2023

- Managed accounts and implemented cost-optimization strategies, reducing overhead costs by 15%.
- Analyzed customer purchasing behavior and proposed menu changes, increasing daily revenue by 10%.
- Assisted in marketing initiatives, including social media engagement, leading to a 20% boost in foot traffic.

TEDxYouth@Tokyo

Speaker Team Leader & Speaker

Tokyo, Japan

May 2023 – February 2024

- Led a team of speakers to refine content and presentation strategy, enhancing audience engagement.
- Delivered two TEDx Talk on “Is Japan in a Cultural Dilemma?” and “Narcissism: A Tool For Growth,” reaching 500+ in-person attendees.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Young Investors Society

Founder and President

Tokyo, Japan

August 2023 – Present

- Founded Japan's first YIS chapter, organizing workshops on stock valuation & portfolio diversification.
- Co-led 30 members, primarily high school students, aiming to increase financial literacy through discussions, workshops, and learning sessions on budgeting, equity valuation, and investment strategies.

Achilles International Japan

Bling Jogging Program Leader

Tokyo, Japan

April 2022 – December 2023

- Assisting members of NPO Achilles International Japan, an association of visually challenged athletes who meet regularly in Yoyogi Park to go running or walking.
- Facilitating Blind Jogging Training for fifteen other volunteers, and providing services for thirty five visually impaired runners.
- Raised a cumulative of 120,000 yen through raffle fundraisers, plastic jewelry sales, and sustainable scrunchie sales.

認定NPO法人 **Hands On Tokyo**

Volunteer Leader

Tokyo, Japan

January 2022 – December 2023

- Leading the Fun English with Matsuzawa Elementary School Program working with one other
- Teaching English to three Japanese children with disabilities including Autism, Down syndrome, ADD/ADHD, LD, Prader-Willi syndrome.
- Effectively communicating with Hands On Tokyo to set dates, activities, and materials required.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: Adobe Creative Suite (Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere Pro) | Data Analysis | Graphic Design |

Sales & Business Strategy: Market Research | Consumer Analytics | Sales Optimization | Business Development |

Languages: French (C1) | Japanese (N2) | Hindi (Native) | English (Native) | Marathi (Native) | Sindhi (Native) |

Interests: Video/Photo Editing, Sports Photography, Economics, Table Tennis (Japan Table Tennis Association Athlete 8+ years), Brain Bowl, Cross Country, Model United Nations, Debate, Speech.

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