

KIMAP Internship Report / KIMAP インターンシップ報告書

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I. Basic information / 基本情報

- 1) Name / 名前 : YIFENG JIA
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2024
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 2024.08.05 - 2024.08.30
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Mori Hamada & Matsumoto LPC, Osaka Office
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 :
Takuya Eguchi, Yoshinori Usui, Yang Shen, Yumi Hoshino (hereinafter “Master”)
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容
To search and research, write and rewrite, think and rethink about various existences, statements, and applications of the laws under the guidance and instruction of the Masters.

II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想

*Skyscraper shines in rain and blue,
Train speeds by, a blur of red,
Suits in black come and go.
Elevator doors part, revealing Osaka Front.*

***The six-slice beef-tongue set meal might suit you better.*¹**

When deciding on a set for dinner, one considers their needs, appetite, and past experiences with the dishes before placing an order. Sometimes, people follow their instincts; other times, they opt for a popular or recommended dish. They may succeed with their choice and stick with it all along, or they may regret it and choose differently until they find a dish that truly suits them.



¹ A quote from a Master.



Choosing a career as a lawyer, deciding which area of law to practice, and determining how to practice the law are much like choosing a dish. One should choose the one that suits them best. This is what I have learned from the Masters.

Sometimes, one is fortunate enough to feel a strong motivation to become a lawyer. A dream or a thought might come to a young person's mind as they look up at the night sky or travel to distant lands.

Becoming and remaining a lawyer can be a path to fulfilling that dream. With less doubt, this path suits that person.

At other times, one might have prior exposure to or experience in a certain field of law. This prior exposure can make someone more competitive among their peers, whether it's a command of a foreign language or knowledge of a specific industry or technology. This is 縁, making the related choice more suitable compared to others.

There are also times when someone has neither a strong motivation for nor prior exposure to law. Even so, they can still “try²”. Just like finding the right dish, trying it out might be the best, or even the only, way to discover what suits them best.

Pick the path that fits you, in work and in life. This is what I have learned from the Masters.

I always transfer at Nishinomiya-kitaguchi.³

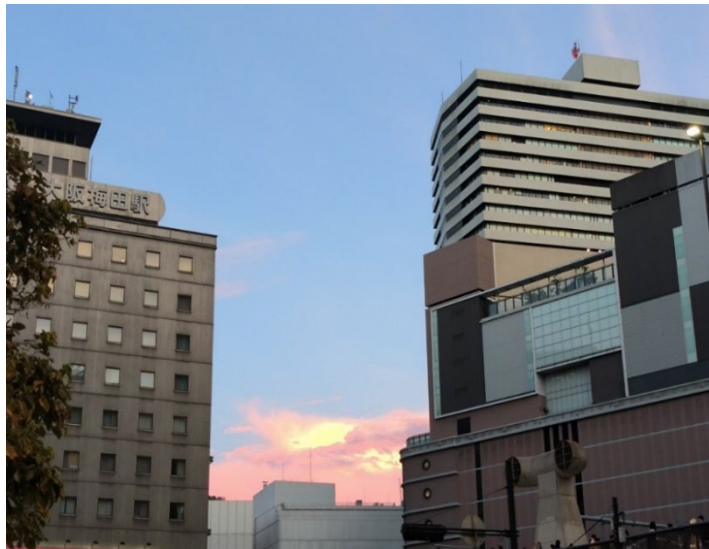
Humans, as mortals, are blessed with limited time. Thus, we all face time pressure to some degree, especially during rush hours.⁴ On the other hand, modern civilization offers nearly unlimited roads and possibilities as human territories and activities expand. But to pit the limited against the unlimited is dangerous, says the ancient Chinese Master Zhuang.

² A quote from a Master.

³ A quote from a Master.

⁴ The latter half of this sentence is intended to be humorous.

The Kansai railway network also embodies a kind of indefiniteness. Local trains, Express trains, Semi-Express trains, Limited Express trains, Semi-Limited Express trains, Commuter Express trains, and Commuter Limited Express trains are inter-transferable at multiple stations, each with different schedules and destinations. There are countless ways to get to work, making the trip prone to mistakes.



To find certainty in this indefiniteness, a Master always transfers at Nishinomiya-kitaguchi. By focusing one's limited attention on a single station, a single circumstance, a single environment, one becomes more familiar and experienced with the transfer scheme, and better positioned to plan and anticipate the journey ahead.

Lawyering, perhaps, is similar. Various societies, to some extent, tend to create rules around subjects and objects to reduce transaction costs for future events. As a result, we now have an indefinite and ever-growing number of laws. A lawyer in a prestigious firm like this one often specializes in a limited number of fields, usually 1-3, over a substantial period. This focused approach allows the lawyer to gain familiarity and experience in those subjects, better positioning them to anticipate and advise on future challenges.

In life, building rules, like always transferring at Nishinomiya-kitaguchi, also reduces the decision-making cost.

To repeat and to persist. This is what I have learned from the Masters.

Takarazuka is the place that hosts the Takarazuka Revue Group.⁵

A city may become well-known for its overall livability, but it takes something truly unique and special for a city to become famous.

Take Takarazuka City, for example: among Hyogo cities, its name stands out not just for its livability, but because of the Takarazuka Revue Group. Whenever people talk or think about the Takarazuka Revue Group, they immediately think of Takarazuka City. The Takarazuka Revue Group is what makes Takarazuka City famous.

⁵ A quote from a Master.

Being a GOOD lawyer requires more than just a solid understanding of the law; it demands the ability to stand out in a competitive field. Just as Takarazuka City is synonymous with the Takarazuka Revue Group, a lawyer too needs cultivate a unique identity or specialization that sets them apart from their peers.

This uniqueness could be achieved through deep expertise in a specific area of law, fluency in multiple languages that allows them to serve a broader client base, or even through a distinctive identity, personal or professional, that resonates with clients and peers alike.

To have your specialty. This is what I have learned from the Masters.

Are the materials to be printed with one page on one sheet or two pages on one sheet? ⁶

Things can generally be divided into substance and formality. Eastern Asian cultures often emphasize substance, focusing on the essence and content, over formality. However, formality also plays a crucial role. For example, in printing, the way materials are formatted can affect their reception. A document printed with one page per sheet may be easier to read and more user-friendly, while two pages per sheet might be more appropriate for PowerPoint slides.

Law is similar and often requires a balance between substance and formality. Legal practice thereof needs both a strong understanding of substantive law and a meticulous approach to procedural matters.

In my experience with the Masters, I observed the importance of procedural precision. They meticulously set schedules and agendas for their tasks and meetings, and they adhere strictly to these. They create detailed plans for cases and follow them diligently. This emphasis on formality ensures that the substantive aspects of their work are handled effectively and thoroughly.

To approach tasks with a plan and to execute them precisely. I have learned this from the Masters.



*A drifting cloud, fading into the sky,
The elevator doors softly shut,
Sealing Osaka Front behind me, quiet.*

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⁶ A quote from a Master.