

# GMAP Internship Report / GMAP 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 : Xiaosheng ZHENG
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2022
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 2024.09.02 ~ 2024.09.30
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : OH-EBASHI LPC & PARTNERS, OSAKA OFFICE.
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Ms. Fumi TAKATSUKI
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 :

Drafting legal documents, reviewing and translating contracts and legal opinions, conducting legal research on laws and precedent cases, participating in seminars on recent case studies, attending the lawyer networking events, etc.

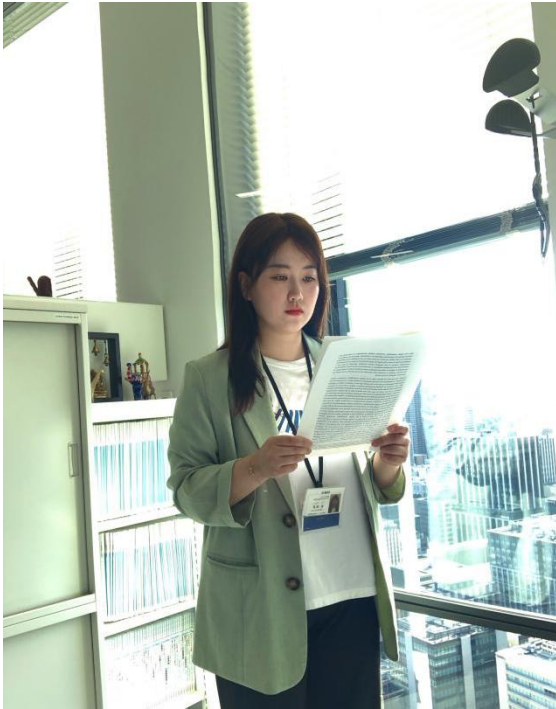
## II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想



First of all, conducting the internship at this law firm is meaningful, as it is one of the top Japanese law firms with over 43 years of history and is the largest one in the Kansai region. Here, there are teams of lawyers capable of providing high-quality legal services for clients across Japan and in overseas cases. They are fluent in multiple languages, at the forefront of international legal business, and adept at handling large and cross-border cases. During my internship, I encountered many experienced lawyers whose guidance I really appreciate.

*[The river view from the law firm. The firm's name comes from the Oh-Ebashi, an important cultural landmark.]*

Secondly, I engaged in corporate-related business, mainly including M&A, equity transfers, shareholder resolutions, and antitrust reviews of mergers. This experience broadened my horizons and significantly enhanced my overall internship experience.

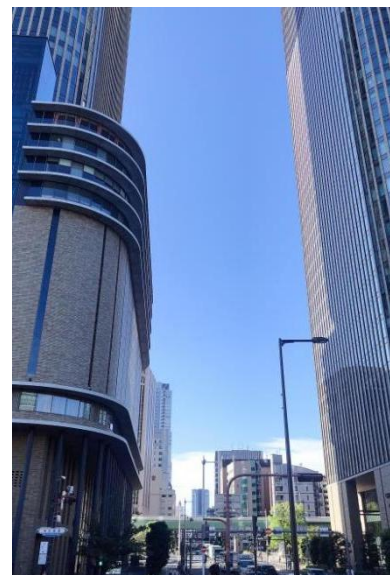


*[In the Osaka office.]*

Thirdly, although I did more tasks in the Osaka office, I was able to work with lawyers from other offices thanks to the firm's powerful real-time communication system. I assisted Mr. Masafumi Takeda, the legal representative of the Shanghai office, as well as lawyers from the Tokyo office and the firm's China practice team.

While collaborating with Mr. Ko Matsui, a partner from the Tokyo office, and Mr. Yuchuan Sun, an experienced lawyer, on the preparation of legal documents for business cooperation with multinational companies, I was deeply involved in revisions and discussions.

This experience not only allowed me to apply the legal English knowledge I acquired in our Global Business Law program, but also made me acutely aware of their commitment to providing high-quality legal services, their focus on risk management, precision in legal language, and their meticulous and responsible attitudes, which I really admire. They have set a strong example for me as I pursue a legal career. This experience has been crucial for my growth as a legal professional, as it has been both enlightening and educational. I am grateful to them for intentionally arranging my deep involvement in team collaboration and for the guidance they provided to help me improve my skills.



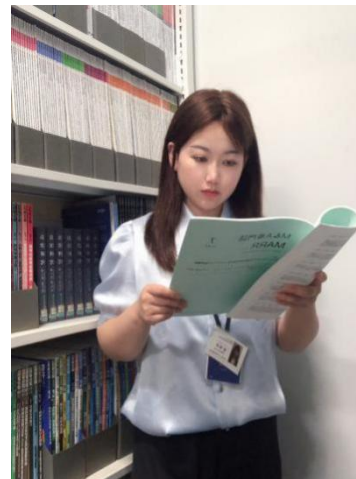
*[Where the law firm is located.]*

Fourthly, when my mentor asked me to review a legal opinion related to equity transfers to a MNE, she showed me how to help companies assess and manage risks and taught me how to effectively communicate with clients in clear and concise words. While reviewing documents related to shareholder resolutions, my mentor and other lawyers guided me how to draft motions for the board of directors and shareholders and other legal documents. These enriched my practical skills.

Fifthly, I participated in study sessions on the latest cases, where I listened to lawyers and judges discussing the cases. Moreover, it is worth mentioning that there are two big libraries and several databases available, which facilitate research and learning. My mentor guided me on how a lawyer should independently acquire knowledge to refine the expertise and gain more skills and opportunities. Under her guidance, I conducted legal research and studied the latest regulations and trends in fields including cosmetics, advertising, medical devices and M&A.



*[In the law firm's library.]*



### *Afterword:*

During the period of White Dew, chestnut-colored leaves drift down onto the river beneath Oh-Ebashi. In this hazy scene, where light and mist intertwine, young people come and go along the bridge, moving through the fog toward their own paths. I also realize that my internship is coming to an end, and I need to choose a legal career path that truly suits me.

I remember that Ms. Takatsuki, my mentor, and Mr. Kobayashi, a partner at the firm, actively introduced me to many lawyers and reminded me of the important details I needed to pay attention to. Mr. Mogi, the firm's representative, kindly inquired about my progress and encouraged me to consult

him about any legal issues and to discuss them with him. Their kind support and guidance helped me quickly integrate into the firm, making my internship run smoothly.



*[Photo with Mr. Teppei Mogi, representative & managing partner, and my mentor, Ms. Fumi Takatsuki, partner at this law firm.]*

Whenever I see the lawyers here demonstrate their professionalism and thoroughness in handling legal issues due to their rich practical experience, I can't help but wonder what my life would be like now if that year I hadn't voluntarily given up working officially in a Chinese court. However, it's a good thing that this internship has given me firsthand insight into the international legal profession, prompting me to reevaluate my career development and inspiring me to find my role and value. Additionally, it has provided me with valuable experience in interacting with others and is an important chance for my growth as a legal professional.

I am grateful to Professor Kawashima for providing me with this invaluable opportunity, and I also appreciate the beneficial guidance and kind assistance from the lawyers mentioned above, which made my internship both joyful and fulfilling.

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