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I am Dohui Lee from Changwon National University. As the first participant of Kyoung-nam U.S.A. Internship program, I'm honored to write this testimonial.

On July 14th 2016, new life began. I still remember the time when I arrived at LAX airport. I was full of expectations since I was starting something new and fun. In this testimonial, I want to share the biggest thing of my intern life: the mindset of job and livelihood.

As soon as I graduated Changwon National University, I applied to this internship program. The process to get J-1 Visa and to look for a job was hard. I was dropped from 3 different companies and finally met the company where I'm working now. If you are lucky, you will meet the company right away, but if not, you might have to have some patience. But don't give up. Do not blame yourself. You will finally find somewhere perfect for you.

Where you work is very important for you as the participant of internship program because you will spend most of your time in workplace. Like most interns, I work Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00pm. It's 8 hours a day. So choose the field that you want to gain experience from, and be willing to learn a lot from it and try your best.

I'm working at OOOOOO America. It is IT solution provider specializing in the maritime logistics industry. I'm supporting the team in charge of the software solution, OPUS Forwarding. For 6 months, I learned a lot of valuable things such as the knowledge of freight forwarding, customer service and accounting. Every day is busy because I'm learning every moment. It was really difficult at first because this was my first job. Even now, I make mistakes such as typo. But learning new things makes me interested in my job. I believe that this will be very valuable experience later on.

The first two months will be the hardest time for you. In the beginning, I got through a lot of hard time because of the settlement. Unless you have friend or family here, you need to do everything by yourself. This is not easy. You don't know where to go buy your foods and what to do when you have trouble. But you have to remember you can ask for help from around you.

Because I'm working in California where people say a car is your feet, getting a car was my first thing to do. I had to find the way to commute. My coworkers helped me all the time for two months. Getting a license and finding a car was the most difficult thing for me. But with all the help and generosity I received from around me, I finally got my license (even if I failed behind-the-wheel test once) and a car. It took me one and a half months to finish the basic settlement.

Be positive. This internship will be a good opportunity and will be whatever you make it to be. Just prepare your mindset that everything is not easy but you can do this.

I want to give my special thanks to my direct supervisor Minjoo and HR manager Jennifer Kim. Not only at work but also life-wise, they are my friend and they are helping me all the time. At the very beginning, I didn't have a driver license. So my coworker Minjoo and Jennifer helped pick me up and drop me off. Also to find a house, we visited 10 different places in one day. If I didn't have them, I wouldn't have been able to continue my internship until now.

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