

Reflection on receptionist job in Asia Pacific Conference in Speech, Language and Hearing

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Now, I am still amazed by the working experience as receptionist in APSLH while the images are still vivid in my mind. The job seemed like “mission impossible” for me at the very beginning, that difficult and stressful. My brain was filled with all thoughts of my incompetence toward this job, needless to say in such an international academic conference. The challenge of uncertainty kept making a sound telling me to hold back. However, I am only to say I am fully appreciated for this irreplaceable experience at this moment. Moreover, I become a willing challenge taker toward any difficulties now.

The job was a bitter sweet task. To talk about the difficult part first, it was at 7.30 in the morning when the working hours started, and that lasted for three days totally, which made up the whole conference period. Guess what! I was standing in my high heels and wearing the tightly uneasy suit through almost ten hours per day. Besides the physical tortment, the mental defeat was another thing to say. Numerous agendas were stuffed in mind. Bearing all those, I also had to spare out some consciousness for any accidental situations, only to respond to requires from all the attendants. Though the job was full of tiredness, I had no complaints for there was valuable sweet wash-back which did not only balance the negative feelings, but also gave me much feedback than I thought. Through the team work, I realized how important it was to negotiate with others on the job distribution and then to put all efforts in what one was supposed to do, no matter how hard or easy the task was. Then the great efficiency came out as the result. What’s more, as the accidental situations popped out anywhere and in every way, to solve them right away, I found myself good at dealing them with flexibility and positive attitude to help. The tiredness could be swept out by only a smile or a simple thank from others, and both of the body and the mind were fueled up again.

Before taking this, I might be afraid of facing any heavy job. It’s nothing to argue that to be afraid is normal, and to escape is human. However, most of the time, the truth is that we disvalue ourselves much from how good we really are, especially when we’re under pressure, which leads to misunderstanding on judging. Well, let me tell you something: Next time, if you get the chance to do things you never think of making it, then, why not just take it? I guarantee the gain from it will be definitely much more than you could imagine at first, and it will be beneficial in various aspects of your life experience!

