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Ikigai Connections is happy to support:

- Bilingual / Bicultural Job-Seekers with Japanese language skills and/or love of Japan… and help find their zone of genius (time in Japan and fluency is optional)

- Globally-minded Companies that have i) Japanese expats, ii) branches in Japan, and/or iii) Japanese customers… and that don't yet realize how beneficial this untapped resource will be for them.

Here some ideas to get your creative juices flowing, whether you are a Global Employee or a Global Employer.

Every individual and company is unique, so start brainstorming ways that match your needs.

Please reach out to Ikigai Connections with any questions or comments at info@ikigaiconnections.com.

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GLOBAL EMPLOYEES: 10 Career Ideas

Japanese language/cultural skills + [your college major] + [your ikigai] = career ideas

1. Administrative support: correspondence for your Japanese boss, local arrangements for Japanese expatriate employees
2. Business liaison: work with Japanese clients and understand their needs
3. Interpreting: business meetings, phone conferences
4. Translating: basic business correspondence, technical drawings, books
5. Teacher: Japanese language or culture in high schools or universities
6. Engineer: bilingual/bicultural engineers are always in demand
7. Doctor/nurse: provide medical care for local Japanese individuals
8. Lawyer: help Japanese people who don't understand the local legal system
9. IT: product translation and support
10. Skilled trades: work with other skilled trades employees from Japan who arrive locally to install or repair machinery

Bonus ideas:

- Like horses? Then consider supporting a local non-profit horse farm that supports disabled persons and veterans, and reach out to the Japanese community to become members.
- Like manga or anime? Then consider translating or providing subtitles to your favorites, or even learning how to design them.
- Like recycling? Then consider working with a municipality to get sent to Kamikatsu, Japan and learn how that town has zero waste.

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GLOBAL EMPLOYERS: 10 Ways To Be Supported

Your globally-minded company can benefit from bilingual/bicultural employees in the following ways:

1. Japanese expatriate support: housing, transportation, school, and other daily needs
2. Local administrative help: native English skills for correspondence, helping know the local area
3. Understanding corporate direction provided in the Japanese language
4. Organizing events: cultural themes, mingling opportunities for local and Japanese employees
5. Prepping local employees before they travel to Japan, whether short-term business trips or long-term stays
6. Technical projects: they start slowly by learning your unique subject matter, and eventually can perform as an interpreter/translator while remaining in-house and maintaining your company confidentiality
7. Translation: generic business correspondence to advanced documents
8. Interpretation: internal or external business meetings, telephone/web conferences, showing Japanese visitors around
9. Teaching basic language or cultural lessons within your organization
10. Sharing their love of Japan with your other employees, and thereby promoting a positive work environment

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