

A Dream Come True

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Introduction

Macau is widely known as “*The Las Vegas of the East*” which makes a lot of people get interested to sojourn at it. As a proof, Macau is already being advertised on TV in my country, Philippines and also to other parts of world. Actually it was even featured in one TV program in my country. I also had the chance to watch it. Indeed, I could say that Macau is really very fascinating and very magnificent. This is the very reason why numerous tourists come here to experience its beauty and culture. Some tourists come here as their gateway with high hopes to find a job or to find a greener pasture. Some are lucky enough but some are not.

I came here in 2005 as a tourist to visit my mother. Macau then was not as well-developed and was not as popular as this time. Because of the wonders of technology, it turned out to be like Las Vegas in America. Its development is very astonishing. Sky-

towering buildings grew like mushrooms. What a wonderful experience to have stepped in this foreign land! I consider it an extraordinary experience to be one of the lucky tourists in this country for I was fortunate enough to find the job which I long for – to be a teacher. At first, I was skeptical that I would be able to teach here but with the Lord’s help and guidance, I found the right job with the right school. This is really a dream come true!

I got the job at this school by trying my luck. I passed my pertinent papers and I was blessed with good luck. Weeks passed, I received a phone call from Sr. Louisa, the principal of our school then I was asked to report to the school for an interview. After the series of interviews, finally I was already asked to sign a contract. How happy I was this day; I couldn’t believe it myself! A countless thanks to God, to Sr. Louisa, and to Ms. Jackie for their trust for considering me to be one of their teachers in this very respectable school.

At first, I found the system of education in Macau as more or less similar to our educational system in the Philippines. The only difference is that everything has to be computerized and it should be done by the teacher, for example, encoding test and exam papers. In the Philippines, teachers construct tests and exams then the department's secretary will encode / type for us. Also the grades of students, we were given a record book to write all scores of students. We don't need to input marks to the computer because someone is in charge of doing this. At first, I really had a hard time doing these things – computer work but I was really very interested to learn doing them so I was able to do it. Now, I can already work by myself. Thanks to the patience of my colleagues in the department for their untiring help. I really appreciate them for they don't consider me a stranger at all. They always have a helping hand whenever I need their help.

Generally, teachers play a very important role in molding the youth to become future leaders in their respective societies. I would say that teachers in Macau are busy all day doing paper works and preparing lessons, etc. This is the usual scenario of teachers' life. If I compare the work with my previous work in my home country, I would say that it is more or less similar.

I always see to it that I should have a smooth relationship with my colleagues and with my students for me to have a pleasant atmosphere in my workplace. Wherever I go, I always carry this with me so that there will always be passion in my job. And the students' English proficiency in general should be enhanced. Their reading ability should also be improved since English is very useful in their future life. 🇨🇪

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