

# A Typical Day of an USFJ Employee

Camp Zama One day of total coverage of Mr. Oba, who is active in the Directorate of Public Works  
Introducing one day in the life of an employee who is satisfied both at work and at home.

Camp Zama REAL ESTATE BR,  
MASTER PLANNING DIV  
Facility Planning Specialist

**Mr. Oba Atsushi** (Hired in March, 1996)



## Time for work! Good morning!

At my workplace, Camp Zama, we are allowed to come to work between 7:00 and 9:00, depending on our personal lifestyle. I start working at 7:00. It may seem early, but once you get used to it, it's good for your health without staying up late and you can spend your day more efficiently.

## Attending conference and meeting!

Communication tools including e-mail and social networking service (SNS) have become convenient, but nothing can be better than having face-to-face meetings. In our office, we have specialists in various fields such as architects, construction managers, and environment specialists. We have meeting every day to share information and to make sure we are on the same page.



## Report to supervisor

There is a broad range of issues related to real estate, and reporting to my supervisor is essential. I think it is important to understand the issues appropriately and report them accurately since the U.S. laws and regulations can't be applied as they are. My boss does not speak Japanese, but she listens to what I explain and always understands my intentions.



## Good work for today! Leaving workplace!

Since I arrive at the office at 7:00 a.m., I leave the office at 3:45 p.m. When I get home, I spend my time practicing golf, studying English, having dinner with my children, and helping them with their homework. I think that our workplace offers a good work-life balance, so please apply and join us. I look forward to working with you someday.



## Checking the latest information is my morning routine

I work at the U.S. Army Garrison Japan, Directorate of Public Works, Master Planning Division, Real Estate Branch. Our main job is to acquire, manage and return real estate, and we manage all 15 Army facilities in Japan at Camp Zama. I start my morning by checking my e-mails. E-mails from the U.S. headquarters arrive in the middle of the night, so I check for the latest information and instructions the first in the morning.



## Lunch time! Refresh at the gym!

Most of the U.S. Army's welfare facilities are open to USFJ employees. During my lunch time, I go to the fitness gym or golf range to refresh myself. In my office, we have a dance club and some of my co-workers practice dancing during lunch time.



## Break Time

Sometimes we have laid-back meetings with my co-workers over a cup of coffee, and exchange ideas with my boss. My boss always brings us some American snacks which I appreciate it.



## Enjoying my time playing golf and traveling!

Recently I am addicted to golf. I enjoy playing golf with my co-workers on weekends. I also like to travel, and I travel a lot with my family. Annual leave is granted 20 days a year, so not only me but also other USFJ employees can go traveling.

## Message from Mr. Oba's Supervisor



### General:

**With dignity and confidence, sustain Real Estate Operations at a high level through teamwork and effective communication!**

US Army Garrison Japan, Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Chief, Real Estate Branch

### Ms. Doris E. Travier

I have worked in 4 countries and many different offices throughout my 30 years of government service. This is first opportunity for me to work in Japan. This is the best office and the best team that I have had the privilege to work with.

Mr. Oba is my Deputy, his dedication and hard work contributes to Real Estate Branch ability to maintain high standards.

His wealth of knowledge and experience enable him to execute tasks are swiftly and with great detail, which makes it possible to meet all requirements.

His positive attitude is not only displayed to me, it is also displayed to his teammate and the customers.

I do believe that his leadership, professional comradeship, enthusiasm, and devotion strengthen flows to the whole team.