

Specialists' Positions

At USFJ workplaces, specialists who have both skill and English proficiency support the mission. Let us listen to three of them about their speciality.



Engineer

Camp Zama, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Japan District

Mr. Kokubu Daisuke

Japan Engineer District offers high-quality, professional and extensive construction and valuable service in Japan and Pacific area in peacetime and wartime as a representative of the Department of Defense.

Regular Wage Model for each Grade of the Engineer

BWT	Grade	Average Monthly Wage (Yen)
1	7	393,149
1	8	419,677
1	9	474,927



Q1.At present, what kind of work do you do?

Designing facilities such as buildings (office, warehouse and airport facilities), road, port facilities and water and sewage in US bases all over Japan. We coordinate and negotiate many different things with the contractor, all military services and the Ministry of Defense from technical point of view regarding opinions of US military servicemembers.

Q2.What is the thing that makes work worth doing?

When the building is built that I have designed on the screen, I feel sense of accomplishment beyond description. I'm proud that I am engaged in duties to build and maintain indispensable facilities and environment for national security amid rapidly changing global circumstances.

Q3.What kind of certificate or capacity can be helpful?

Degree in engineering, certification of class-1 or class-2 architect, Kenchiku Setsubushi or Gijutsushi can be helpful.

Q4.How much of English proficiency is needed?

It is necessary to be able to coordinate and negotiate in English.



Engineering Technician


Yokota Air Base
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

Mr. Masuda Shoji

374th Civil Engineer Squadron builds, maintains and repairs airfield and accompanying facilities and infrastructures of Yokota Air Base, which is the hub of airlift in the Western Pacific area.

Regular Wage Model for each Grade of the Engineering Specialist

BWT	Grade	Average Monthly Wage (Yen)
1	5	336,872
1	6	360,588
1	7	395,980



Q1.At present, what kind of work do you do?

Duties of Engineering Division I belong to cover many different things as they are involved in construction of new buildings, partial upgrade, renovation and extensive repair. Though I am an architectural engineer, I am involved in other various areas of work. We elaborate the project with electrical, mechanical and civil engineers together.

Q2.What are the good parts of your job?

When a project is finished and I am given a word of appreciation, I feel this work is worth tackling. In case issues are piling up, I feel as if I were faced with the high mountain, but as we solve them one by one and finally we reach the top of the mountain, I get the sense of achievement through the experience. This experience is very important for engineers to accomplish the mission onward.

Q3.What resource or skill is needed for work?

Along with general architectural knowledge learned in the classroom, on-the-job experience is essential.

Q4.How much of English proficiency is needed?

Ability to read US standards is needed. Moreover, English proficiency is essential to explain to the supervisor and the user and to make proceedings or specifications. Recently, we sometimes hold a telephone conference among several offices, so speaking ability is also needed.

IT Specialist

Camp Foster Defense Logistics and Supply Agency

Ms. Azuma Natsuko

Defense Logistics and Supply Agency offers supply and management of fuel, material and aid, etc.

Regular Wage Model for each Grade of the IT Specialist

BWT	Grade	Average Monthly Wage (Yen)
1	4	312,477
1	5	344,419
1	6	382,412
1	7	403,617



Q1.At present, what kind of work do you do?

I am engaged in various IT-related work such as database system development, programming, maintenance and provision of record and troubleshooting at Management Information System Section at Base Supply, MCAS Supply Division. I enjoy my work very much.

Q2.What is the thing that makes work worth doing?

As I develop and improve in-house system so that our fellow workers can work efficiently and smoothly and am engaged in virtual shopping cart accessible from other office, I feel sense of accomplishment as those systems are utilized and I can help them function. I feel the sense of accomplishment that I have developed what is useful and makes people happy the real pleasure of this duty.

Q3.What kind of certificate or capacity can be helpful?

Both English and Japanese communication skills are important so that I would understand the request of the supervisor and the users and develop a product that meets their needs. Programming skill is also essential. I would like to make a progress step by step with willingness to learn new things so that I can catch up with IT related work which is always evolving and changing.

Q4.What mood is the workplace like?

Our team has a feeling of hospitality among Japanese employees, US civilians and servicemembers. I appreciate that I can work at the workplace with well-prepared environment of all aspects.

* Summary of Survey on Actual Status of Wages of USFJ Employees 2024

* Average monthly wage contains base pay, regional allowance, wide-area transfer allowance, family allowance, commutation allowance and housing allowance.