

A Typical Day of a 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.

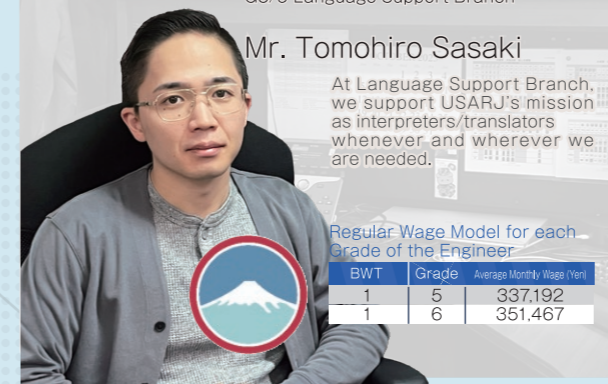
I do believe that his leadership, professional comradeship, enthusiasm, and devotion strengthen flows to the whole team.

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.

Interpreter/Translator

G5/9 Language Support Branch



Mr. Tomohiro Sasaki

At Language Support Branch, we support USARJ's mission as interpreters/translators whenever and wherever we are needed.

Regular Wage Model for each Grade of the Engineer

BWT	Grade	Average Monthly Wage (Yen)
1	5	337,192
1	6	351,467

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

I serve as an interpreter in a variety of situations including meetings, office calls, military exercises, etc. I also translate various documents including letters, slides, bios, pamphlets, etc.

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

Seeing USARJ and JGSDF accomplish missions that are critical to national security, and knowing our contributions as linguists was essential for that bilateral cooperation gives me a sense of pride that not many other jobs can give me.

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

We need to be fluent in English obviously, but on top of that, being familiar with military jargons and having other background knowledge is essential to understand what our speaker is saying, and by extension to work as interpreters. Therefore, we need to always pay attention to the news as well as the conversations happening around us in general, so we don't miss anything relevant.

Q4.How much of English proficiency is needed?

As interpreters/translators we are language professionals, so we need to be highly proficient.

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	341,063
1	6	366,266
1	7	401,627



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	312,645
1	5	345,047
1	6	380,789
1	7	394,486



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 2025

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