

## Title My Joy of Working (For Others)

I'm currently working as a building manager in (the) Arakawa Ward in Tokyo. Today I would like to talk about diversities of my job.

Cleaning in cold wind and.....

I started this job four years ago. It was in the middle of winter. All the while I was cleaning a long corridor facing the north, where a severe wind was blowing. I strongly regretted working in such a cold and terrible situation.

Anyway(Well then) would it have been good if it hadn't been cold? Look at these pictures taken last summer in front of the entrance. (The beginning, and the end of August ) It goes without saying that it is as hard to work in hot weather as in the cold in winter! I wished if only it was spring all through the year! However, in Japan we have four seasons, and I had to accept to work hard no matter if it is hot or cold.

Harmony between Nature and Life

There is a row of (tall trees called) metasequoias along a main street in front of the building. There is a bench under each tree. Through the year, not only residents but neighbors rest and relax there. Unfortunately these metasequoias caused a big problem. Their leaves were so fragile that a lot of leaves fell because of wind before the season of autumn leaves. Last September a lot of trouble was caused by the typhoon No 24. One was that the rain pipes were clogged up with fallen leaves. So my boss and I had a meeting to discuss how to cope with the residents' complaints and concluded to cut the branches as short as possible. The philosophy of the building management company's planting is to keep nature as it is. At the same time, our important aim is to have harmony between nature and the neighborhoods' life.

Happy times

One day, I was spoken to by one resident

"Good morning Shida-san, the garbage site has become much cleaner these days. I don't feel a bad smell at all. Thank you for your careful cleaning every day."

I was happy and impressed to hear her words.

My motto

My motto is to offer better service to residents as much as possible. For that I think I will do my best to cope with all kinds of trouble or complaints as carefully and quickly as I can. The residents' words of thanks in response to my activities are a good source of motivation for my next role. And that made me very satisfied. I feel that my job is like a black kite gliding high in the sky.

First: my work, second: residents' words of thanks, third: my motivation for my next job(work) and my activity, fourth: responding residents' smiles, and it continues like this.

I will continue to work this job as long as I can. And that's My Joy of working.

Thank you very much for listening.