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#Forging Section

It will be four years in October since the publication of My JATCO, and the editorial staff's morale is rising. The source of my motivation is the encouragement from my readers. We are now starting a new project to reflect as much of your feedback as possible.

The title is "We will do our best to respond to your opinions!"

The first guest of this commemorative series features Mr.Inaoka and Mr.Shiozaki from the Forging Department, who work in District 3.

Reader's voice: Forging section foreman Mr.Maezawa

There are people working hard in the forging department. Would it be possible to interview them? Mr. Inaoka and Mr. Shiozaki.

Despite their disabilities, they carry out inspection work and input data into PC. They work hard in their daily tasks without letting any of the disadvantages affect them.

I would like you to interview them if possible.

Mr. Inaoka and Mr. Shiozaki from the Forging Section



Mr.Inaoka

Please tell us about your work.

Inaoka: I joined the company in April 2022 and am mainly in charge of inputting data and magnetic searches on site.

Simply put, magnetic inspection is the process of magnetizing the product itself, which is carried out before checking for scratches on the product. Regarding data entry work, I like producing in-house labels, but I also think about how to make it faster and talk with my boss, Foreman Mr.Asai, and Mr. Ichikawa, who comes from the Forging Department in Area 2, to make improvements.

Also, because I like computers, I would like to learn more about Excel formulas, and am proactive in asking questions about things I don't understand.

I'm happy that the Jatco CVT7 and Jatco CVT8, which we were involved in developing, are being released to the world, but I also feel a great sense of responsibility.



Mr.Shiozaki

Shiozaki: I joined the company in January 2024 and am in charge of the pre-blackout process. Specifically, AT parts are magnetized by spraying them with shotgun pellets, and then the parts are poured out onto pallets after being checked by workers behind dark curtains. We

also do a process called "strumming" to make it easier for the forklift operator to operate. At first, I was a little slow at identifying the parts, but I was able to improve by writing them down on paper so I could remember them and by asking questions immediately when I didn't understand something. If there's something I don't understand, they'll explain it to me straight away, and even if I make a mistake, they'll tell me, "Calm down," so I'm happy. In the past, I would sometimes get tired of being too considerate of others, but now I'm fine. It's nice to see something I've made take shape and run on public roads.

Why did you decide to join JATCO?

Inaoka: I wanted to work in the car industry, so when I was in my third year of high school, I worked as an intern for two weeks, in charge of magnetic surveys in the same three regions as I am now, and I was treated very well.

Shiozaki: I was interested in the manufacturing industry, and the deciding factors for me were the ease of commuting and the fact that it was a large company. I am the type of person who works steadily and diligently, so my current job suits me very well.

What do you two of them think from your boss's perspective?



Mr.Asai, Foreman

Asai: The two of them are working really hard. Mr. Inaoka is a little shy, so I try to approach him first. Mr. Shiozaki loves to talk, but things get even more lively when he talks about his hobbies (laughs).

So, what are your hobbies?

Shiozaki: I like to research local gourmet food and tourist attractions all over Japan and create maps that show what routes you should take to have fun and what kind of souvenirs you can find. I visited all 47 prefectures in my 20s, and this is what gives me meaning in life.



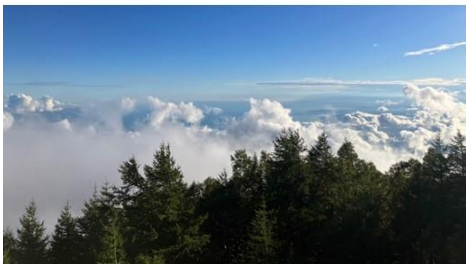
By the way, what do you recommend in Nagoya?

Shiozaki: In Nagoya, there's a cafe called "Piyorin." We also recommend Okagean, the original Komeda Coffee.

In Okazaki City, where JATCO is based, there is the mascot Okazaemon. My favorite mascot is Biwako-kun from Shiga Prefecture.

Inaoka: I love cars, so I often go for drives and to hot springs. We drove up to the 5th station of Mt. Fuji and went to Umihotaru to see the night view.

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What is the atmosphere like at work?

Shiozaki: Everyone in the forging department understands my disability and is considerate of it. Even after I'd said something rude or called in sick, they were always there to listen to me. I am able to work properly thanks to the support of many people.



Mr. Inaoka at work

Inaoka: I was good at communicating up until high school, but I was anxious about entering society. Even after joining JATCO, I wasn't sure how to interact with people, but with the addition of Mr. Shiozaki to the company and the help of section manager Mr. Saegusa, Mr. Asai and Mr. Ichikawa, I gained confidence and was able to communicate to a certain extent.



Shiozaki at work

Lastly, please tell us about your aspirations for the future.

Shiozaki: I think my current challenge is managing my health. First of all, I will try my best to aim to work hard for a month without taking a break.

Inaoka: I like computers, so I want to get better at them. Mr. Ichikawa, who always teaches me how to do my work, works very quickly and is able to sense and teach me things I don't understand before I even have a chance to ask, which I think is amazing. Ultimately, I want to become someone like Mr. Ichikawa who can do many different jobs.



Mr.Inaoka's role model is Mr.Ichikawa

Asai: First of all, please make sure you complete the current tasks properly, and from now on let's work hard, one step at a time!

Finally, a word from our recommender, Mr.Maezawa!



Recommended by Mr.Maezawa

Maezawa: They are both honest and straightforward when it comes to their work. I think he is growing up well. Let's continue to work hard together!