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Rion English Support

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As a writer and language educator for most of my life, I bring a deep understanding and love of the English language to my work. I can create smooth, compelling translations of your text, or write an original document, to your specifications, that will achieve your goals whatever they may be.

- ~5 years as a freelance translator, working with private clients and agencies
- 12+ years as an ESL teacher, including training in business writing for Japanese clients
- 5+ years' experience with editing and proofing Japanese translations
- Real life work inside the silicon wafer and semiconductor industries, including daily reading, editing and translation of reports, presentations, and meeting minutes at a silicon wafer fab.
- Long personal familiarity with Japanese metalworking and smithing, including interviewing (And hammering out my own razor blanks with) second generation razor smith Shigeyoshi Iwasaki at his home in Niigata, as well as meeting with swordsmith Sadatoshi Kobayashi in Oku-Izumo



LANGUAGES

Japanese and German to US English (native)

SPECIALIZATIONS

Entertainment/Culture (Gaming, TV etc.), Silicon Wafer and Semiconductor Industry, PR/Marketing materials, General business communication

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Japan Association of Translators (JAT), Member in Good Standing

Society of Writers, Editors and Translators (SWET), Member in Good Standing

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Translator / **RES**

April 2011 – Ongoing

As a translator of Japanese to English, I have worked with numerous local clients and national agencies on project ranging from medical forms to manga. Some examples:

- Dialog/story translation for numerous video/PC games.
- Manga (12 volumes)
- Opinion/Politics articles for newspapers and magazines
- Information materials for manufacturers in the semiconductor field
- Public Relations/Advertising materials for several multinational corporations
- Consumer software manuals
- Short fiction
- Scripts and PR pamphlets for television broadcasters

Business Skills Instructor / **ALC Education**

October 2007-January 2016

As a business skills instructor, in addition to general English communication skills, I provided training in Presentation techniques, meeting skills, negotiations and business writing (including editing and translating business documents) to employees at major Japanese companies such as Hitachi High Technologies, Idemitsu Petrochemical, Tokuyama Corporation, and Siltronic Japan.

EDUCATION

JAT Spring Ejuku Feb-March, 2016

This training course for new translators is aimed at boosting basic translation skills and increasing focus on the issues and challenges that translators must deal with every day.

University of Iowa May, 2003

MA, German Linguistics, TA in German department, Informal participant in Inaugural Translator's Workshop, 2002

University of Tulsa May, 2000

BA, German and Philosophy. Dean's Honor Roll 1996-1999. Honors Program. National Merit Scholar. Outstanding student in German, 2000. Member, Honors Program Selection Committee.

RELATED SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel, comfortable with OmegaT, Wordfast and FELIX CAT tools.
- I am constantly engaged in continuing independent education. I taught myself Japanese, and studied through Kyoko Hasegawa's Routledge Course in Japanese Translation independently as a way of polishing my basic translation skills. I have also studied Japanese Semiconductor terminology and basics through several textbooks
- An avid and voracious consumer of culture: literature, comics, music, games, music.
- Experience writing for various websites on topics ranging from Sake making to Japanese SF.