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ESL Agent

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Dear ESL Agent,

My name is Chris Kim and I am a Korean-American applying for a returning position as an ESL teacher. As you may know through our conversation on the phone, I have experience teaching with SMOE, as well as a variety of other skill sets. Although I was offered a contract renewal in 2008, I chose to pursue a job with the Seoul Metropolitan Government as the Senior translator/editor. However, the year I spent teaching had created a passion in me that has made me decide that I would like to go back and teach. On the phone, I informed you of a few of my key skills, but I would now like to introduce to you a bit of my background, as well as give you a copy of my résumé.

The skills I developed while studying at the University of Oregon, as well as being a member of the Korean-American society, have equipped me to handle a wide range of needs in today's global community. During my senior year, I was a volunteer for "Korea Night", an event organized to showcase the cultural uniqueness of Korea. This was one of the most recent events in which I became aware of the importance of clear communication, as many of the non-Korean speaking volunteers could not communicate well with the event organizers. My leadership skills, combined with my background in Korean and Mandarin Chinese, enabled me to earn the respect of the volunteers and staff, and allowed me to spearhead the group effort in completing every task with proper detail.

Experiences such as these are further supplemented by my natural ability and love for teaching. I believe that of all the work done in today's busy society, caring enough to take the time and pass knowledge to another person is among the most, if not the most, respectable. Through my year with SMOE, I was fortunate enough to partake in the experience of teaching, and I would venture to say the classes I had with my students was just as much of a blessing to me as it was to them.

It is often said that "Learning English is an essential skill that enables Koreans to be more competitive in the globalized market place." Not only is that true, but I also believe in Gyeonggi Office of Education's goal to present knowledge, and also create the "world's foremost well rounded individuals." A position teaching English in the GEPIK program would enable me to combine my linguistic skills with my passion of helping others, and I believe that my cultural background and unique perspectives on education have prepared me for nothing short of excellence in this opportunity.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I will be in contact to make sure you have received all necessary application materials, and to answer any questions about my qualifications. If you would like to discuss any material with me directly, please call me at (010) 8500-5221.

Respectfully,



Chris Sayun Kim

Enc. Résumé

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language *June 2008*
University of Oregon (UO), Eugene, OR
Relevant Coursework: Mandarin Chinese, Literary Chinese, History of Chinese Literature, Korean

EXPERIENCE

Seoul Global Center, Senior English Editor *August 2009 – Present*

- Revised Living in Seoul, and other various publications
- Constructed the “Seoul City Blog”, www.seoulcityblog.com
- Wrote articles for the “Expatriate Living” section of the Korea Herald

Dongjak District English Camp, Camp Coordinator/English Teacher *January 2009*

- Coordinated and camp activities and lesson plans
- Compiled the textbook used by students for the duration of the camp
- Taught colloquial writing to A level students

Seoul Munchang Middle School, English Teacher *August 2008*

- Created new lesson plans and curriculums based on the current working textbook
- Taught multiple after school English conversation classes

Translator, Literary Chinese, UO *Fall 2007, Winter 2008*

- Translated over 40 selections from Chinese classical canon (histories, poetry, analects)
- Communicated in class discussions with other students to verify accuracy
- Gained advanced understanding of enduring elements in Chinese culture and its value in interacting with modern day China

Translator, Contemporary Chinese, UO *Fall 2006 – Spring 2008*

- Discussed a wide range of issues relevant to modern-day China
- Developed an understanding of everyday, business, and idiomatic Chinese language
- Interpreted written dialogues pertaining to contemporary Chinese issues

Volunteer, Korea Night, UO *May 2008*

- Performed on the spot interpretation between Korean Student Association members and non-Korean speaking volunteers
- Coordinated and dynamically reorganized volunteer duties

SKILLS

Linguistic:

- Native English and Korean speaker
- Fluent Mandarin Chinese ability; experience in Japanese, Spanish and French
- Excellent interpersonal and presentation skills

Computer:

- Proficiency in all current and past versions of Microsoft Windows, Apple OS X, and Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience in computer and network troubleshooting, repair and maintenance

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Superstar recognition from Apple Retail Store for top attach rates, *December 2007*
- High School Honor Roll / Honors Graduate, *June 2004*
- President of Korean Ahrumdown Presbyterian Church Youth Group, *September 2002 – September 2003*
- Hillsboro Optimist Club Citizenship Award, *June 1998#*