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Hello! I am a new employee in Ark, and I've recently moved to Japan in order to work here. It has been a surreal experience to transition from a life in America to a life here in Japan. I have always aimed to work abroad, so when the opportunity came, I was excited to finally use my Japanese language skills in a professional setting. I regularly visited Japan as a tourist, so I was aware of the cultural differences I would have to face as a resident, but the transition has been quite a learning experience.

When I first applied to a position in Ark, I was very nervous about making a good first impression. I had never worked in a Japanese company before, so even sending an email was terrifying to me. However, everyone in Ark has been so understanding, and they've been so accommodating to my needs especially since I had many things to prepare for my move to the country.



As a new resident in Japan, there were various procedures I had to complete. Since I had lived most of my life in America, I had to learn about how insurance, pension, and taxes worked in a foreign country. On top

of that, everything was in Japanese, so I had to do more research to make sure I understood correctly.

Within a week of arriving in Japan, I went to the ward to register my address, bought a new phone with a phone number, and made a bank account. Everything was different from what I was used to in America. From my experience, I would receive any information through email or on company websites, but in Japan, I would receive information through physical mail or phone calls.

After all of the preparation was complete, I started my employment in Ark. I had some worries about the work culture since I know it is vastly different from the culture in America, but everyone has been kind enough to help me understand certain cultural cues. It's only been a few months, but I've slightly grown accustomed to living in Japan. I still have much to learn, but I am excited to make a life here.