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Special Interview



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In the Vol. 2 of the well received employee profile corner, we introduce Mr. Chinzei, the number one entertainer of the Morimatsu Suisan Co. Ltd.



He is a Gemini, born on May 24 in the 1960's and his blood type is B. He was born in Kochi prefecture which used to be called "Tosa" in old times and is famous for a traditional single-hook fishing of bonito. The surname "Chinzei" is very rare in Kochi and difficult to read. The origin of the name is said to have come from "Chinzei Hachiro Tametomo" who was the uncle of "Minamoto-no-Yoritomo", the founder of the Kamakura Shogunate, and his brother "Yoshit-sune", a tragic hero of the 12th century. Mr. Chinzei's family tree is kept at his parents' home but he thinks it's "too good to be true."



Mr. Chinzei first intended to take over the family business but after graduating from a university in Japan, he decided to go to America at the age of 23. He could not speak, read or write English at all at that time, so he attended a university in West Virginia to take an intensive English course for two months. He then entered a university in Tennessee which happened to be a very strict Catholic school. No alcohol or woman was permitted in the dormitory. If any lady had to enter a student room, the door had to be opened for 30cm wide. He could not endure such strictness and decided to change university.

Meanwhile, he obtained a driver's license for motorbike and drove down to Key West, the southern extremity of Florida, on his own or traveled alone to the West Coast on a Greyhound bus and came across with bike gangs. Another time, he hitchhiked and was left alone in the middle of a country side. He also had a "life threatening" experience when he was fired a warning shot with the rifle on Halloween.

He then attended a university in Kentucky where fried chicken and derby were famous. However, the place was "boring because there were only ranches and too provincial". He only attended the first semester and transferred to a university in North Carolina. There, he successfully asked American girls to dance parties and the prom (a graduation party)! We can hardly imagine from the present Chinzei who is such a gentleman, but young Chinzei seemed to have been enjoying his youth by "taking chances" and with the motto "study well and enjoy your life". He finally graduated the university in North Carolina where he majored in business administration.

After returning to Japan, he became engaged in export business and was sent to Toronto, Canada. During those years, he enjoyed family tours on vacation. When he talks about the memories of travels, they are so romantic that you wish to visit those places at once.

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When he first met his wife, he felt something fatal. Since then, they have been building a peaceful home without any quarrel for seventeen years.

Mr. Chinzei has been working in Morimatsu Suisan for approximately five years and is in charge of exporting at Trade Department.

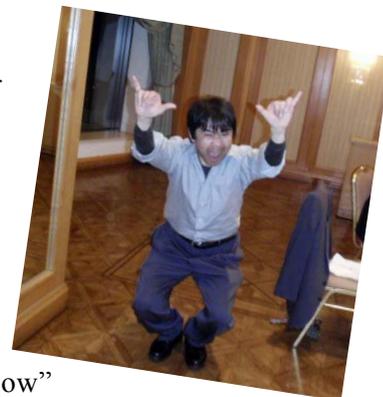
“Life is a string of choices”, he says. He is a reliable father who confidently proclaims that his family is the most important thing in his life. He passionately says that he is really grateful to the company for giving him number of chances for business trips to various countries and to meet many people.

We asked him about the 2011 company resolution, “Grow the export business!” He answered “If there is a customer who wants to purchase our products, I will go anywhere even if it’s in the other side of the world, North Pole, South Pole or outer

As for karaoke, Ms Takeda, the manager whom we introduced in our December newsletter, firmly declared that she would not sing in karaoke even though she had to pay one million yen. Mr. Chinzei, however, will go any place at any time for singing if he is invited!

He says “What is age-appropriateness? I don’t care about the age. What’s important is how you feel. Stay young at heart!”

Even if physically declining by age, young-at-heart and self-described “strange fellow” is striving to send variety of products from Imabari to the world every day.



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Akase's Haiku (Written by Ms Rina Akase)

“In winter deep sea, there lies the skull of a whale”

When a whale dies, the body slowly sinks to deep sea. It sinks by the body weight and finally lies at the bottom of the sea. Various creatures in deep sea eat the meat of the whale a little by little. The huge fleshy mass turns to white bones after a long period of time.

When I was a student, I saw on TV the sight of a whale which had turned to huge white bones. Those bones lying still in deep sea were so beautiful beyond comparison. I wrote this haiku at that moment. Dimly white and luminous quiet bones strongly stimulated my spirit.

This is my first haiku of the year. I hope you will enjoy Akase's Haiku in 2011!



Exhibition Notice - Osaka Seafood Show

The 8th Osaka Seafood Show

Date: 15-16 Feb. 2011 (Tue.Wed.)
10:00 to 17:00 (till 16:00 on the last day)
Venue: ATC Hall, Asia & Pacific Trade Center
Web site: <http://www.exhibitiontech.com/seafood/index.html>



