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MIKE KARMA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Type of Being: Light, Advancing, Positive, Altruistic
- Personality/Mind: Agile, Amiable; Natural born leader and organizer
- Temperament: Sanguine/Phlegmatic
- Appearance: Handsome
- Age: 34
- Countries lived in: UK, Germany, Slovenia, India, Nepal, Tibet, China, Japan;
- Countries visited: Approx. 20 European and 20 Asian countries.
- Currently in: EU.

EXPERIENCE

Extraordinary experiences in the Himalayas and elsewhere.

Wide experience doing various types of work as well.

LANGUAGES

Language Ability:

- English; Japanese; Tibetan; Some Chinese, Nepali, German;
- 日本語 - Japanese level: Upper Intermediate, Written and Spoken
- བོད་སྐད་ - Tibetan level: Fully literate and fluent

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brief employment history (1990~2008):

- English teacher in Japan and elsewhere;
- Tour guide in Turkey, Tibet and Japan;
- Carer / Personal attendant (to senior monks in Nepal/India)
- Chauffeur (International Driving Licence)
- Electronics (soldering, printed-circuit assembly etc.)
- Restaurant work, agricultural work;
- Translator (Tibetan / Japanese / English; <http://tibetantranslation.bravehost.com>)
- Tibetan language teacher in Nepal, UK, and elsewhere;
- Tibetan / Sanskrit / Japanese Script Imaging (Designer)
- E-Commerce (own import business in Japan)
- Generally: Promotion of sensible living.

REFERENCES

The schools I have taught at include Smith's English Conversaton School in Japan:

<http://www.smith-hirakata.com/english.htm>

who may be contacted for references (Mr Adrian Shepherd).

Further references available on request.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer English teacher in Tibet, Nepal etc.;

Volunteering at a Learning and resource centre in Brighton;

Helping elderly Lamas in the local communities in the Himalayas;

OBJECTIVE

I am quite satisfied with my Tibetan language-related work, hence the purpose is not to start an altogether different career but merely to be open to the possibility of accepting an interesting part-time position so as to learn new skills.

Short term: Except for cleaning and hard manual labour I would consider any sort of work I have not done before for the duration of 3~6 months.

Long term: Ideally, the work would be challenging and involve the use of my languages and skills, e.g. translation, tour-guiding (for Japanese), driving, E-Commerce etc.

On the other hand, it might entail learning a new skill from scratch. I am always willing to try something new and – preferably – unusual. Surprise me!

Ideally, the duration of employment would be about 1~2 years on a Part-time basis.

EDUCATION

Brief educational history:

- Grammar School
- Courses in Electronics etc. (Able to solder, build circuits etc.)
- Study of philosophy and general linguistics at University level (2 years), subsequent informal study of Tibetan language and philosophy.

(I never had the opportunity to earn a degree, but possess immense work- and life-experience.)

HOBBIES , INTERESTS, AND ACTIVITIES

