

Benjamin Basanta – Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Full Name: Benjamin Basanta

Nationality: Trinidad and Tobago

Current Residence: Hokkaido, Japan

Languages:

- English (native fluency)
- Japanese (intermediate proficiency – JLPT N3 to N2 level)
- French (intermediate proficiency)

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Education

Hokkaido University, Japan

Undergraduate / Graduate Program (October 2024 – Present)

- Engaged in academic study focusing on language acquisition, intercultural communication, and Japanese society.
- Participating in field-based learning and research to deepen understanding of cross-cultural interactions and contemporary Japanese life.

Professional Experience

Part-Time Staff – Various Roles, Japan (2024 – Present)

- Acquired practical experience in Japanese customer service across sectors including retail, dining, and hospitality.
- Strengthened verbal and non-verbal communication skills in Japanese within professional environments.
- Developed adaptability, punctuality, and teamwork by adhering to local workplace etiquette and standards.

Intercultural & Community Engagement

- Provided support in destination-based tourism (■■■■■) and local homestay programs (■■) as a cultural and linguistic intermediary.
- Assisted international visitors in navigating local customs, language barriers, and community interactions.
- Promoted sustainable and culturally sensitive tourism by facilitating dialogue between travelers and local residents.

Language Proficiency

Language | Proficiency Level

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English | Native fluency (academic and professional)

Japanese | Intermediate (JLPT N3–N2)

French | Intermediate (conversational and written)

Skills & Competencies

- Cross-cultural communication and cultural mediation

- Team collaboration in multilingual environments
- Presentation and public speaking (English and Japanese)
- Tourism, hospitality, and customer service
- Sustainable tourism and community outreach
- Interpersonal adaptability and problem-solving

Achievements & Projects

- Successfully adapted to Japanese academic and workplace environments with minimal prior exposure.
- Delivered cultural presentations and participated in exchange programs and local events.
- Supported fellow international students through mentorship and language assistance.

Personal Statement

I am deeply committed to fostering mutual understanding across cultures through the power of language, respectful engagement, and shared experiences. My academic journey and professional experiences in Japan have allowed me to develop strong intercultural communication skills, adaptability, and a keen awareness of cultural nuance. I aspire to serve as a bridge between communities, supporting initiatives in tourism, education, and social integration that promote inclusivity, sustainability, and meaningful exchange.