Nwamaka Umenzekwe

Skilled Professional with 10+ years of experience in business operations, vendor management, and crosscultural communication. Recently transitioned into Virtual Assistance, enhancing my expertise with certifications in AI Career Essentials and UI/UX Design. Proficient in streamlining workflows, managing schedules, handling customer inquiries, optimizing procurement, and performing accurate data entry. Equipped with AI-driven tools and design principles to improve efficiency and user experience. Multilingual in English, Chinese, and Igbo, focusing on delivering high-quality virtual support and digital solutions.

Professional Experience

Virtual Assistant

09/2024 - present | Lagos, Nigeria

Freelance

- Manage reservations, staff schedules, and inventory tracking, ensuring seamless operations.
- Handle customer inquiries across multiple platforms (calls, emails, social media), improving customer satisfaction and streamlining communication processes.
- Negotiate with suppliers to reduce costs and ensure timely delivery.
- Provide administrative support to clients across various industries, including entrepreneurs, small businesses, and remote teams.
- Perform data entry tasks accurately and efficiently, maintaining organized records and databases.

Sourcing and Purchasing Manager

10/2020 - 08/2024 | Lagos, Nigeria

Enjiva Enterprises

- Negotiated favorable contracts and agreements with suppliers to secure the best possible terms, pricing, and quality.
- Reduced procurement costs by 10% through strategic sourcing and negotiation of supplier contracts.
- Streamlined purchasing procedures, resulting in a 20% decrease in processing time.
- Built strong relationships with key suppliers, fostering open communication and collaboration.
- Managed the procurement of goods and services, ensuring timely delivery and adherence to quality standards.
- Conducted market research to stay updated on industry trends, assess supply market conditions, and explore potential new suppliers.

Chinese Language Consultant

10/2019 - 10/2020 | Lagos, Nigeria

Iamend Global Ventures

- Developed and delivered engaging Chinese language training programs for company executives, resulting in a 30% increase in their self-reported confidence in communicating with Chinese business
- Provided online tutoring for clients seeking to enhance their Chinese language proficiency.

Chief Representative Officer

09/2009 - 09/2019 | Beijing, China

Menzek Nigeria Limited Beijing Office China

- Managed the day-to-day operations of the Beijing representative office, serving as a crucial bridge between the Nigerian head office and Chinese operations.
- Successfully identified and introduced potential business partners to the parent company, expanding the company's reach within the Chinese market thereby increasing the company's revenue by 20% Maintained strong relationships with existing business partners, fostering long-term collaboration and repeat business.
- Conducted thorough product sourcing through factory visits and negotiations (in Chinese), ensuring quality control and adherence to company specifications.
- Played a key role in strategic planning and financial management, contributing to its overall success.

• Represented the company at trade forums, fairs, and conventions, effectively promoting Menzek Nigeria Limited within the Chinese business landscape.

Education

Bachelor of Science: International Economics and Trade O9/2005 – O6/2009 Guangzhou, China Jinan University		
Chinese Language and Culture Beijing International Studies University	y	09/2004 – 07/2005 Beijing, China
Skills		
 Calendar and Email Management Travel and Meeting Arrangements Sourcing and Purchasing Zoom, Slack, Canva, Figma Appointment Scheduling Continuous Learning Flexibility Languages	 Data Entry Customer Service and Client Communication Market Research Problem-Solving Organization and Time Management UI/UX 	 Google workspace/Microsoft Office Suite Vendor & Supplier Negotiation Cross-cultural Communication Attention to Detail Adaptability Empathy
• English	• Chinese	• Igbo
Virtual Assistance (VA) Course		08/2024 - 10/2024
Virtual Assistance (VA) Course ALX Africa		06/2024 - 10/2024
AI Career Essentials ALX Africa		05/2024 - 07/2024
UI/UX 3MTT/NITDA		12/2023 - 05/2024