Respected Professor:

I am pleased to write this letter to recommend Mr. Zheyu Jin to your distinguished graduate program. He has worked as a software engineer under my direct supervision for two and half a year. I would like to talk about his unique characteristics based on my observation as his supervisor.

I first met him at the job interview. During the interview, he impressed me with his smartness and plus his excellent performance in paper-based technical test, I was glad to take this young engineer to my team.

Mr. Jin worked hard from the beginning and learned practical matters very fast and soon he was able to work independently on porting projects at customer sides. Despite the fact that he was the youngest engineer in the company at that time, his learning ability was above average.

Besides hardworking, he also demonstrated solid technical skills and creative thoughts at work. As an anecdote that I remember, he once came up with a notably efficient way to find C header file dependencies of our product in Android source tree with a small shell script and several GCC options he learned from the manual. My team still benefits from the increased efficiency brought by this new approach. He also spontaneously gave informative seminars internally, such as C compiling and linking on Linux platform, Android makefile details and Amazon web services. Some of them required good amount of research.

I also regard Mr. Jin as an affable person who can work smoothly with people from different cultures. My team members were from 4 different countries and Mr. Jin himself was also a foreigner here in South Korea but he was getting along well with people from diverse cultural backgrounds. His affable personality was certainly a plus to my team.

For shortcomings, Mr. Jin sometimes showed an inclination for over-engineering when there were easier ways to get things done. Probably this was because he had no much experience on development of commercial software. However, I believe he can overcome this inclination as he gains more working experience.

From what I know about Mr. Jin, I am confident that he will be a successful student in your graduate program and also contribute to your research community. I would really appreciate if he could be given a favorable consideration for admission.

Best Regards,

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