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1. Tell me something about yourself

- I am a licensed Geodetic Engineer and currently a second-year Civil Engineering student at FEU Alabang. I have a background in land surveying, geospatial analysis, and construction planning, with hands-on experience using GPS, total stations, drones, and GIS software. I am also an active member of PICE and GEP, where I continue to expand my knowledge through trainings and competitions. In my previous roles, I have worked on topographic surveys, boundary mapping, and infrastructure projects, collaborating with engineers, architects, and project managers.

2. Why do you want to work in this industry?

- I want to work in this industry because I enjoy building and improving communities through engineering. As a Geodetic Engineer and Civil Engineering student, I've seen how surveying, mapping, and construction come together to create safe and efficient projects. This industry is fit for me because it allows me to apply my skills, keep learning, and contribute to meaningful projects that help people and the environment.

3. How have your education and professional experiences prepared you for this position?

- My education and work experience have given me the skills needed for this role. I have learned about surveying, mapping, construction planning, and structural design. Through my internships and projects, I've gained hands-on experience in land surveys, site inspections, and construction work. I have worked with GPS, drones, total stations, and CAD software, which are important tools in this field.

4. Do you plan to continue your education?

- Yes, I do. I plan to pursue a Master's degree in Geomatics Engineering, specializing in Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry. This will help me gain deeper knowledge in aerial mapping, satellite imaging, and geospatial data analysis. I believe that advanced studies will allow me to improve my skills, keep up with new technology, and contribute more to projects in land development and infrastructure planning.

5. Who in your life has influenced you the most and why?

- The person who has influenced me the most is my aunt, whom I call Mama. She is a civil engineer, and growing up, I watched her work hard and overcome challenges

in her career. Seeing her dedication inspired me to follow the same path in engineering. More than that, she has always supported me, provided for my needs, and given me the love and care that shaped who I am today. She taught me the value of hard work, perseverance, and passion. Because of her, I am motivated to work hard and succeed in this field, hoping to make her proud one day.

6. Give me an example of a time when you were under stress to meet a deadline

- There was a time when multiple projects piled up, and we had an upcoming document inspection. Some files were still unsigned by the contractor, and some certifications and bonds were incomplete. We only had a week to finalize everything and submit it to our division chief at the construction division. It was a stressful situation, but with the help of my colleagues, we organized the documents, followed up on missing requirements, and made sure everything was complete. By working together and managing our time well, we submitted everything on time. This experience taught me how to stay calm under pressure, work well with a team, and handle tight deadlines efficiently.