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Profile

After studying for a year at KU Leuven, I disrupted my studies to go back to Singapore and complete national service. I then came back in September 2021 to continue my studies in Leuven. Besides my university studies, I have a huge passion for languages. I started learning Japanese by myself during high school and currently am trying to improve on four different languages.

Having just finished organizing Ghent Slush'D, I am now engaged in the Supetai Project, which aims to tackle the issue of plastic waste in the rural Maasai community of Ewaso Ngiro, Kenya.

Experience

KU Leuven KICK – Student ambassador

Assistance in the promoting of KICK's entrepreneurial activities among students

- SEP 2022 – PRESENT

Flanders Investment & Trade Tokyo – Internship

Internship at the Tokyo office supporting Flemish companies in expanding to the Japanese market

- JUL 2024 – SEP 2024

Vandelanotte Accountancy CVBA, Zele – Internship

Worked as a support in the department ACC09 for the daily accounts

- JUL 2022 - SEP 2022

National Service, RSAF - Transport Operator

Basic military training (SEP 2019 - DEC 2019)

Transport Operator in the Air Force (DEC 2019 - AUG 2021)

- SEP 2019 - AUG 2021

Education

KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium – MA Business Economics

- SEP 2024 – PRESENT

Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea – Exchange program

- AUG 2023 – DEC 2023

KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium – BA Applied Economics

- SEP 2021 – JUN 2024

KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium - Sinology (minor: economics)

- SEP 2018 - JUN 2019

KOHa Sint-Jozef, Hamme, Belgium - Latin-Sciences (6h mathematics)

2nd and 3rd grade

- SEP 2014 - JUN 2018

Languages

Dutch



English



Japanese



French



Mandarin



Korean



German



Extracurriculars

Supetai Project (09/2024 – 05/2025)

As part of an interdisciplinary team, we aim to address plastic waste management in the rural Maasai community of Ewaso Ngiro, Kenya. This project focuses on establishing a local Micro Recycling Center to collect, process, and repurpose plastic waste into valuable products, including fence posts, roofing materials, and ergonomic tools for water transportation.

Ghent Slush'D 2024 (09/2024 – 11/2024)

As part of the partnerships team, I handled lead generation and outreach to engage startups for the event, which hosted 1000 investors, founders and talents at the Wintercircus in Ghent.

Product Innovation Project (10/2022 – 05/2023)

I was part of an interdisciplinary team that tackled the societal challenge of making printing sustainable during the academic year 2022-23.

Leuven Gakusei Forum (10/2022 – present)

I am part of a community that organizes events to promote cultural exchange between Japanese exchange students and local students.