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I tell stories with data. I work across the entire data pipeline — from collecting it, to wrangling it, to analyzing it, to packaging it all for stakeholder consumption

Education

2019	M.A. Economics	The University of Tokyo
2016	M.A. Economics	University of the Philippines
2013	B.S. Economics	University of the Philippines

Work Experience

Economic Research Officer/Senior Manager

Investor Relations & Corporate Planning Group – Economic Research

BDO Unibank

February 2022–January 2023 (1 year)

In charge of developing the macroeconomic outlook of the Bank. Tasks included:

- **Preparing weekly presentations to senior management on global and domestic macroeconomic trends**
Automated workflows to efficiently gather and visualize high-frequency data, resulting in reports that were comprehensive yet rapidly produced
- **Constructing and maintaining forecasting models for key macroeconomic variables like growth and inflation**
Used programming language R to build and systematically evaluate models, ensuring maximum accuracy

GVC Research Analyst

Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department

Asian Development Bank

January 2020–January 2022 (2 years 1 month)

Headed team analyzing global value chains (GVCs) using international input–output (IO) tables. Such analyses have been published in ADB’s *Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific* series and the *Global Value Chain Development Report*, among others. Tasks included:

- **Implementing models from the academic literature using up-to-date data**
Devised database management strategies and programming workflows to efficiently crunch high-dimension IO tables (10,000+ cells) and produce audience-ready GVC metrics
- **Leading team of 5-8 in carrying out projects**
Managed collective skillsets of team to hit milestones in the report publication process ahead of deadlines. My leadership was instrumental in the publication of long-gestating reports that I inherited
- **Leading communication of analysis to various stakeholders**
Emphasized communicability of analyses through effective visualizations, concise writing, and a clear presentation style. Represented team in international forums and successfully raised the profile of our reports

Research Assistant

Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact Development Team
Philippine Department of Finance
July 2016–August 2017 (1 year 1 month)

The Millennium Challenge Corporation is a US aid agency that forms “compacts” with partner countries. Tasks included:

- **Supporting Filipino–American team of consultants tasked with designing anti-poverty programs**
Adopted a versatile approach to executing the varied research objectives of involved experts. This allowed for the collection of data on agriculture, fisheries, R&D, entrepreneurship practices, and gender roles
- **Planning of field missions to Cebu, Bohol, Palawan, Samar, Leyte, and northern Mindanao**
Cultivated personal connections to government workers, community leaders, and academics to facilitate successful missions in rural areas, particularly areas for which our missions were the first to penetrate

Lecturer

Ateneo de Manila University Department of Economics
January 2016–July 2017; January–May 2020 (2 years total)

Taught courses on introductory economics, macroeconomics, and mathematics. Devised tests for these courses.

Research Assistant

Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Rizalino S. Navarro Policy Center
October 2014–February 2015 (5 months)

Assisted in writing research paper on poverty for project funded by United Nations Development Programme.

Written Works

- ***Pakistan’s Economy and Trade in the Age of Global Value Chains***
Asian Development Bank (January 2022)
- **“Recent Trends in Global Value Chains”** (co-authored)
Chapter in *Global Value Chain Development Report 2021*
Asian Development Bank (November 2021)
- **“The COVID-19 Shock and the Two Faces of Global Value Chains”**
Chapter in *Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2021*
Asian Development Bank (August 2021)
- **“The Evolving Comparative Advantage of Asian Economies”** (co-author)
Chapter in *Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2020*
Asian Development Bank (August 2020)

Other Activities & Achievements

- **Two Points Make a Line (twopoints.blog)**
November 2022–onward

I maintain a data science blog, through which I aim to continuously fill gaps in my data science skillset

- **Master's Scholarship**
Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation
October 2017–September 2019

Competitively awarded to two foreign graduate students at the University of Tokyo every year. Includes tuition and stipend.
- **Teaching Fellowship**
Health Policy Development Program
USAID–University of the Philippines School of Economics
November 2013–April 2014
- **Editor-in-Chief, *Echoes***
October 2010–October 2011

Official publication of the U.P. Economics Society, a student organization. Re-oriented publication towards politics, economics, and campus issues.
- **Member, Philippine Debate Team**
World Schools Debating Championships
Washington, D.C., United States
September 2008
- **Team Champion**
Asian Schools Debate Championship
De La Salle University, Manila, Philippine
August 2007

Computer Skills

Proficient R (tidyverse, ggplot2), Latex, Microsoft Office
Familiar Python, Stata, Git, HTML, CSS

Character References

Mahinthan Joseph Mariasingham mmariasingham@adb.org	Direct supervisor at Asian Development Bank
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