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Career Objective

I aim to shift to cause-oriented career for and with an organization that supports growth of grassroots movements that work to a sustainable and inclusive future. I bring not only my experience in management from past corporate employment, but also my drive and commitment to bring about a just world.

Key Skills

Demonstrated strengths include:

- Project Management
- Quality Control
- Stakeholder Management
- Budgeting and Financial Reporting
- Strategic Planning
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English

Work Experience

Kantar Philippines Inc. — Associate Project Manager (Aug 2021 to present)

- Troubleshoots and performs root causes analyses to resolve any data and analytics issues
- Executes project plans with Production teams to ensure timely and accurate delivery of outcomes as per Scope of Work
- Works with project directors to oversee the fieldwork initiative
- Mentors team members on project delivery using different statistics tools and techniques.
- Develops operational strategies to improve efficiency and effectiveness

Jones Lang LaSalle (Philippines), Inc. — Assistant Project Manager (3 years)

- Led multiple project teams, some consisting of 10+ stakeholders including Designers, Consultants, Contractors, and other Vendors to implement the activities of each project to ensure cost, schedule, document control, and quality standards of evolving real estate industry are met
- Handled multiple projects simultaneously—up to three at any given time, each amounting to at least PHP 5 million (~USD 90,000)—at various stages and locations, usually within business districts in Metro Manila.
- Guaranteed all works to be up to date with the latest standards and codes of the industry, and confidently addressed any concern on site
- Assisted in budgeting and financial reporting processes, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements

Archen Technologies, Inc. — Project Engineer (2 years)

- Oversaw compliance with standards during planning stage, and coordinated technical engineering initiatives for a large corporation as they expand their operations nationwide.
- Managed projects from their conceptualization to completion, amounting to PHP 300 million (~USD 5.37 million) on my first year alone.
- Documented budgetary, scheduling, and project databases, which had been used to generate reports on progress as well as risk management that could affect cost or schedule.

Education and Training

Creative Problem Solving for Technologists — LinkedIn Learning (2023)

Python 3+ — “Automate the Boring Stuff” Practical Programming (2020)

Registered Electrical Engineer — licensed engineer under the Philippine Regulatory Commission (2014 to present)

BSc. Electrical Engineering — Technological University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines

Academic Scholar — Philippine Department of Science and Technology, Science Education Institute (2009 – 2014)

Community Involvement

Silliman University — Research (6 months)

Zero Waste neighborhood stores project (a Silliman University – University of London SOAS collaborative project) to develop a national network in support of small, community-based, Zero Waste neighborhood stores serving low- to middle-income families.

Project Description and Rationale: For more than 500 years, traditional stores in the Philippines served their communities through a system of bartering and the use of reusable containers and dispensing-refilling systems to provide household goods and food sourced from local farmers and fisherfolk. This sustainable practice was disrupted during the US colonial period with the entry of industrial agriculture and multinational corporations, decimating small local farms and crafts industries. Consumer goods by large multinationals were introduced in small, single-use plastic sachets as part of a strategy in the 1960s to extract profits from the “bottom of the pyramid,” that is, from low-income households. Today, Filipinos discard every day over 164 million sachets and 93 million single-use plastic bags that end up in our environment. The project, based on the principles of social and environmental justice, began the creation of a national network to re-envision, re-create, and support the 1.1 million small neighborhood stores, mostly run by women, into “Zero Waste stores” which were broadly defined as stores that return to the traditional reuse-dispensing-refilling system, while also providing eco-friendly goods in sustainable packaging sourced from small local farmers, fisherfolk, and artisans, as well as promoting products that build self-sufficiency.

Activities as a Researcher: engagement with small community stores, conducting surveys of store owners and customers, gathering of store inventory and other data, collation of results, and providing feedback on barriers to the expansion of Zero Waste stores in the country and possible solutions.

Greenpeace — Volunteer and Contributor (4 years)

Volunteered in the Brand Audit 2019, a participatory science initiative conducted along Manila Bay, Manila, that involved counting and documenting the brands found on plastic waste to help identify the companies responsible for plastic pollution.

Provided monetary contributions and supported campaigns that safeguard “the Filipino’s constitutional rights to a balanced and healthful ecology” including campaigns on climate justice, opposing plastic pollution, banning the dumping of foreign waste, protecting the oceans, supporting clean and safe energy, and the campaign against climate-harmful industrial agriculture and in support of resilient food and farm systems grounded on ecological farming principles.

Languages

Human Filipino (native), English (fluent in speaking and writing)

Computer Unix Shell Scripting (basic), C (basic), Python 3+ (basic), HTML + CSS (basic)

Hobbies

Reading, Creative Endeavors, Programming, Cycling, Repair and Upcycling, Watching Films, Brutalist Web Development (a minimalist approach to web design that focuses on functionality over form)