

# Mr. Takashi Saino

Can you tell us a bit about yourself including how you came to work at Angel, your early training and the experience you have been able to achieve working with Angel in various offices.

>> ANGEL conducted recruitment drive at my University and from my interaction with ANGEL Executives and staff then, I was intrigued by the businesses, industry and also the opportunity to work overseas. After I successfully passed all interviews, I joined Angel; first with Intellectual Property Team, second with the manufacturing team (for playing cards and ANGEL EYE). Then I moved to Singapore office doubling up as a technician and a sales assistant. During this stint, I had the best exploratory experiences because I visited many countries when meeting our customers there.



What is your background? Where did you grow up and what was it like?

>> I was born in the countryside of Japan surrounded by mountains. Nature is all I knew during my childhood. However, being an inquisitive & young man, I wanted to move to the city and dreamt to be a movie / anime director since I liked watching movies and animations. So, I enrolled myself at an university located in Kyoto where I can learn these subjects & acquire the necessary skills.

-What does a typical day in the life of Saino? How have you enjoyed the Philippines?

>> Currently, I am based in ANGEL Philippines office. During weekdays, my focus is on work matters. But during weekends, staycations are my thing because being in the Philippines, staycations at hotels are still affordable, as compared to Singapore. At each staycation, I made sure to enjoy their hotel buffets, sleep in later on their very comfy beds and facilities onsite. Based on my stays for the past 1.5 years, I think I can almost be a reliable hotel reviewer in Philippines already! Oh, by the way, my ranking on the hotel booking app is already at the top tier ☺

-What are some of the key lessons you've learned during your time in your current role?

>> In my current role, I take care of the IR accounts in the Philippines and with these professional operators, I soon discover their basic criteria is "integrity" for their business, the people they employ or they deal with. As a supplier in this industry, I am always mindful and made sure I maintained this integrity.



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-What do you enjoy most about being part of the gaming industry?

>> I think the gaming industry is such an exclusive and “close” community when compared to other industry. The people just don’t leave the industry, they merely changed their business cards! It is great that we are always in this “close” community where we know everyone and can almost meet up anywhere anytime. For example, when I moved from ANGEL Singapore office to ANGEL Philippines office, I end up still meeting and providing my service to the same people from Singapore to Philippines.

-Who has been the most influential person in your life?

>> That’s my Grandfather. He was a farmer and cultivated rice and fruits in our hometown. Farming is not a stable job and does not guarantee harvest. Sometimes, we cannot enjoy any good harvest because of natural disasters. Even under such situations, my Grandfather did his utmost to minimize the bad harvest in order to reduce the impact on our family’s livelihood. He made sure the family is wellprotected and fed enough all the time. I am forever grateful to my Grandfather for his love, dedication, responsibility and protection.

-What is your favourite holiday destination (other than Japan), and why?

>> My favourite holiday destination is Singapore. Maybe because it is the first overseas country I travelled out of Japan and also because I stayed there for 5 years; the familiarity, the people, the food, all of these contributed to make Singapore my favorite destination. And I know some places where normal tourist doesn’t know!

-What do you like to do outside of work to relax?

>> I like to watch movies, read books and Japanese comics (Manga)

-Where do you see yourself in 10 years’ time?

>> I think gaming industry contains many good opportunities so I can still see myself, hopefully holding a senior role, being here with ANGEL. I believe, I would have gained more experiences and different perspectives; both personally and professionally, wherever I may relocate to.