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Important!

In this story, there are some Japanese words.

The Japanese words are

1. shacho = Company President/CEO
2. kacho = section manager
3. san = Mr/Ms (E.g. Tanaka san = Mr. Tanaka)
4. sensei = teacher

Introduction

Nice Ume-leaf Cosmetics is a very famous cosmetics company in Japan. The quality of the products is very high. The company sells cosmetics in all the large department stores in Japan. The president, Takahashi shacho, wants to start selling the cosmetics in other countries. He wants to open a shop in the USA, so the staff at *Nice Ume-leaf Cosmetics* must learn to speak English.

Haruna Yamane is from Shimane, Japan. She is twenty-seven. She works for *Nice Ume-leaf Cosmetics* in Tokyo. She likes her job very much. She moved to Tokyo from Shimane when she was eighteen years old. After she graduated from university, she started working in the cosmetics company. She likes cosmetics and fashion very much.

Kana Matsumoto is from Tokyo. She is thirty. She is Haruna's co-worker. She wants to be a manager in the company in the future. She works very hard. Kana usually works on Saturdays and Sundays too. She often stays at work until 11:00pm.

Chapter One

It is 7:30am on Monday morning. Haruna is on the train. She is going to work. There are many people on the train, so she cannot sit down. She has to stand up. It takes one hour to get to her office by train.

She arrives at her office at 8:30.

"Good morning Tanaka kacho," she says to her office manager, Mr. Tanaka.

"Good morning. Oh, Yamane san, we are going to have a meeting at 9:00am. It is a very important meeting," says Tanaka kacho.

"Yes, Tanaka kacho," says Haruna. "I understand."

Haruna sits at her desk and switches on her computer.

"Good morning!" Her co-workers start to arrive.

"Oh, good morning Matsumoto san," says Haruna.

Kana Matsumoto is Haruna's co-worker. She is a strong woman and she works very hard.

"Matsumoto san, we have a meeting at 9:00 this morning. Tanaka kacho said it is an important meeting," says Haruna.

"Yes, I know. Tanaka kacho told me on Friday night."

"On Friday night?"

"Yes. You went home at 7:00pm on Friday. But I worked until 11:00pm with Tanaka kacho. He told me about the meeting then."

"Oh, I see," says Haruna. *Kana always works so hard. I must work harder like Kana,* thinks Haruna.

It is 9:00am. Everyone is sitting in the meeting room.

"Good morning everyone," says Tanaka kacho.

"Good morning Tanaka kacho."

"I have an important announcement to make," says Tanaka kacho. "Our company makes very good cosmetic products. Japanese women like our products very much. The president, Takahashi shacho, thinks that women in other countries will also like our products. So, he wants to open *Nice Ume-leaf Cosmetics* shops in other countries."

"That's a great idea!" says Kana.

"Yes, I think so too," says Tanaka kacho. "However, your jobs will change."

"Change?" says Haruna.

"Yes. Now, we are a Japanese brand. But Takahashi shacho wants to create an international brand. He wants our cosmetics to be famous and popular around the world. So, everyone in this office must learn to speak English."

"I love English!" says Kana.

"And, you must all get 700 points on the TOEIC test this year."

"700 points?!" says Haruna.

"Yes. 700 points. The first new shop will be in New York. It will open next year. Before then, you must all get 700 on the TOEIC test."

"What happens if we don't get 700?" asks Haruna.

"If you don't get 700, you will lose your jobs," says Tanaka kacho.

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