

Lesson 80: Self Introduction 3 (Introducing Your Company)

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Kaori is attending a medical technology conference. She met Dr. Weaving there while she was looking for a seat. She's now telling him all about her company.

Kaori: Hello. I'm Kaori. Is this seat taken?

Dr. Weaving: No, it's not. (smiling). I'm Dr. Hugo Weaving (Shakes hands with Kaori). What company do you work for?

Kaori: I work for Star Labs. I'm a researcher there.

Dr. Weaving: I see. Actually, I'm not so familiar with Star Labs.

Kaori: Well, Star Labs has not been around all that long. We make modern medical equipment. Our products are now used in laboratories all over Japan.

Dr. Weaving: That's very interesting.

Kaori: Our company's also made some considerable contributions in research into cures for cancer and many other diseases.

Dr. Weaving: Oh, that's pretty impressive.

Kaori: Currently, my boss, Dr. Watanabe, **is dedicated to** finding a cure for the Ebola virus.

Dr. Weaving: Is he also attending the conference? It would be a pleasure to meet him.

Kaori: I'm not sure if he's coming. How about you? Where do you work?

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. The Boy Scouts organization **is dedicated to** helping youth become responsible adults.
2. The monument **is dedicated to** the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
3. Dr. Watanabe **is dedicated to** his work.

* **be dedicated to ~** / ~のために尽くす、~に専念している、~にささげられる

3. Your Task

You work for a company that makes computer programs. While attending an electronics trade show, you met an executive from Google (=your tutor). You want to take this opportunity to introduce your company to a VIP from Google. Start a casual conversation, give him your business card and talk about your company. Here are some details about your company: 1) you've been making programs for Yahoo, 2) you create smartphone application programs, 3) the president of your company used to work at Microsoft.



4. Let's Talk

What are the do's and don'ts when making an introduction about your company?

What are some positive things you like to mention when you're talking about your company? What's the importance of a business card?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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