

Daniel Chen: Class of 2017

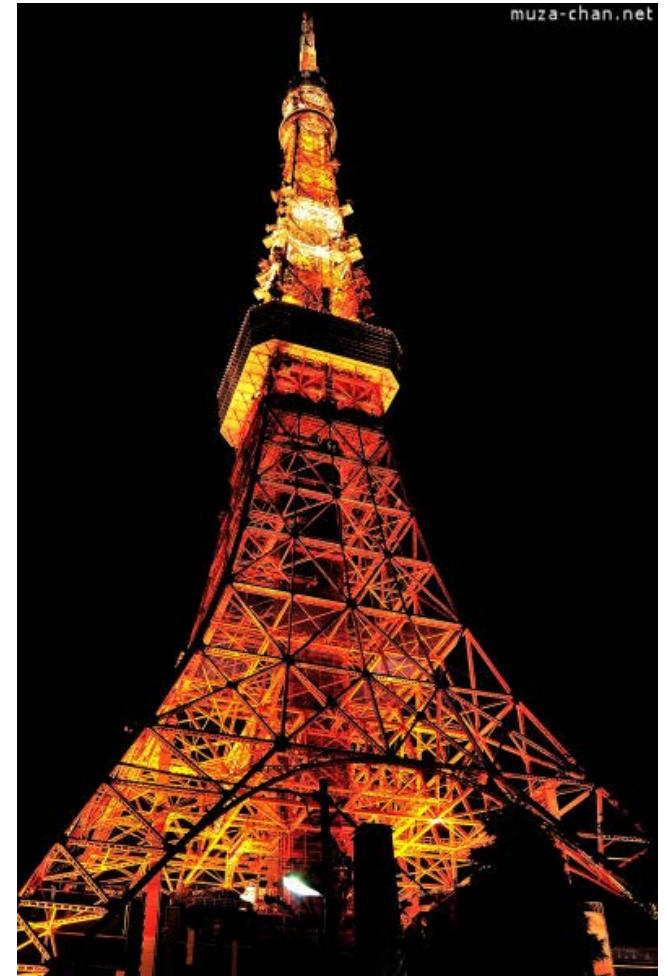
Rogers Investment Advisors

Tokyo, Japan

Work Location



RIA is located in the building above which is situated directly next to the famous Tokyo Tower



Tokyo Tower

Work

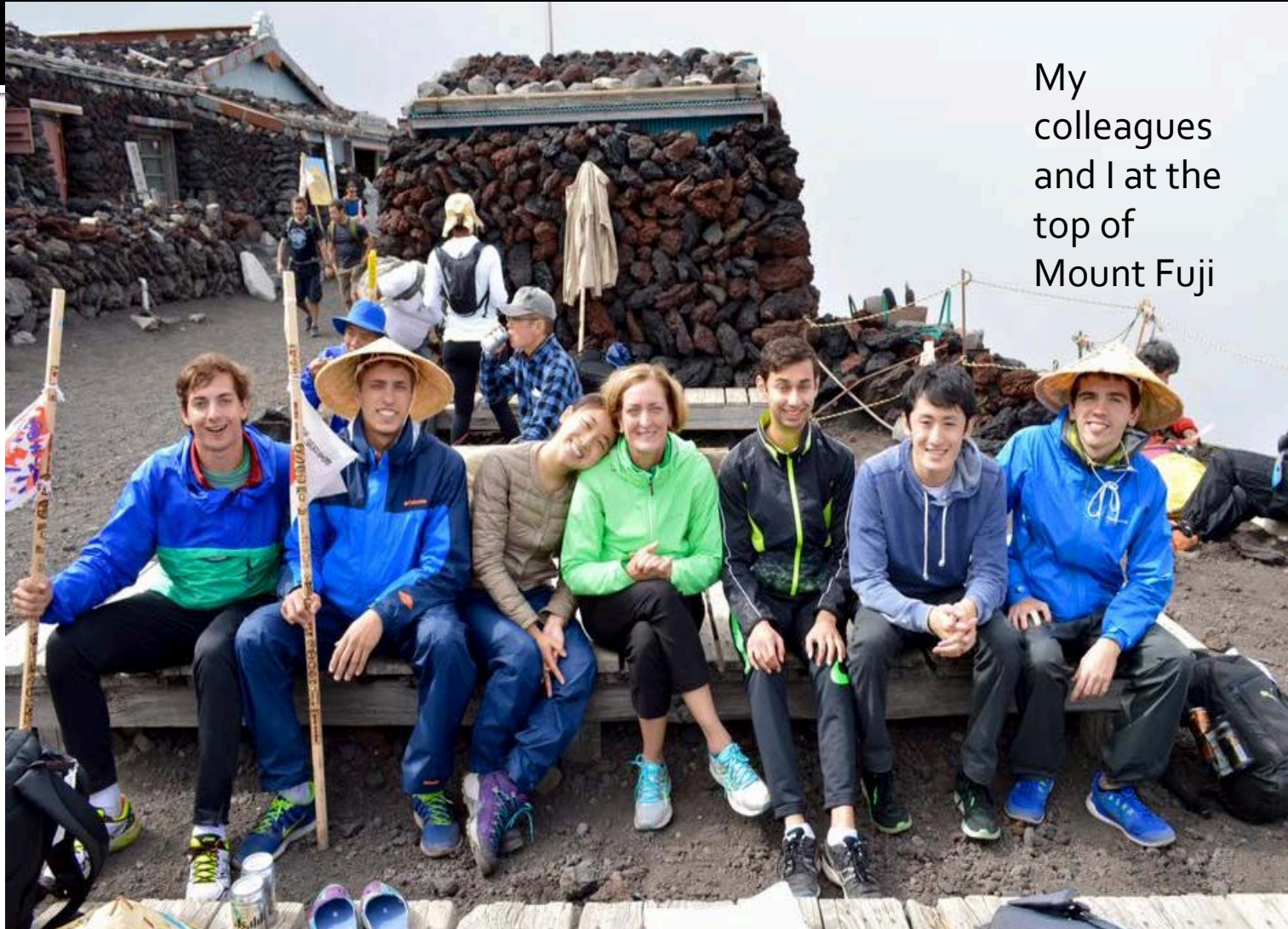
Projects: The projects ranged from gathering and analyzing information (strategies, geographical mandate, fees etc.) on funds in the Asian hedge fund universe to writing code to automate tasks. Most of the projects involved using Excel.

Weekly News Presentations: I helped keep the office up to date with the state of global financial markets.

Monthly Research Presentations: I researched topics like investment characteristics of high net worth individuals, sources of capital for alternative investment vehicles, and the structure of Chinese hedge funds. I would then present my research to the team.

Most Rewarding Aspects

1. Learning basic financial theory and becoming financially literate.
2. Engaging with experienced colleagues and fellow interns
3. Experiencing Japanese culture and doing things unique to Japan—Ex. Climbing Mt. Fuji



My
colleagues
and I at the
top of
Mount Fuji

Impact of My Work

1. Increased the efficiency of the work place by automating tasks in Excel.
2. Aided the firm's investment decisions by providing research and quantitative analysis on the Asian hedge fund industry.
3. Provided market overviews, keeping the office up to date on the latest financial news.

Impact on Academics/Career

1. Reaffirmed my interest in either pursuing graduate school in Economics or working in the finance industry
2. Helped develop financial literacy which is key to both career paths.
3. Learned basic financial theory that would aid me in future investment decisions and academic courses.

Personal Growth

1. This internship helped me gain first hand experience in the financial industry.
2. Living independently in a foreign country like Japan helped me develop key living skills like cooking etc.
3. I discovered and explored amazing cultural aspects of another country, opening my eyes to the diversity of the world.

Overview

In summation, I had a great time at my internship at RIA in Tokyo. I learned some basic financial theory, gained practical experience working at a hedge fund, and got some exposure to the amazing Japanese culture.