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Popular Chuseok Gifts for Officials

[Chuseok in North Korea]

In North Korea, the gift-giving culture of exchanging high-priced goods amongst officials is growing rapidly, just in time for the Chuseok holiday. Daily NK has learned through informed sources within the country that officials are bribed with payments of beef, despite the i..

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**SPECIAL Residents Beset by
Cost of Chuseok**

[Chuseok in North Korea]

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DailyNK (an internet broadcasting company specializing in North Korean news)

Located in
Seoul, South
Korea

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work hours: 9am~6pm with lunch hours from 12pm~1pm
- Main responsibility: translate Korean articles into English – usually 1~2 articles per day
- Writing articles, usually about events that happen in Korea or abroad that relates to North Korea, or by attending panels or discussions. This responsibility often involves 취재.
- Translate for any guests from abroad
- Research in spare time on:
 - An area of interest
 - Other news sources for North Korean news
- Mandatory study sessions on North Korean culture, politics, history and leaders



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A close colleague and I went to the *Panmunjum* with other North Korean related NGOs to gather information in order to write an article

MOST REWARDING ASPECT OF WORK

- You're in the center of the first point contact between the world and breaking news from North Korea
- Have the opportunity to watch off-the-record videos from the company's inside sources from North Korea as well as read the daily newspaper published in North Korea
- Work with North Korean defectors and learn from their stories and experiences in North Korea
- Become so knowledgeable about NK!!

**PICTURES OF OUR
OFFICE!**



Main area of
work for our
reporters!



The table is
where we have
our daily
meetings!



Area for
interns! (I
bought that
clock as a gift
for the office
on my last day
of work!

HOW DID THIS INFLUENCE MY...

Academic Choices

- Was able to narrow my interest in computer science to the applications part of it rather than theory or systems

Career Plans

- Developed a more realistic goal regarding where I can make a difference in the North Korean sector
- Plans to work for the South Korean government in regards to cyber security

BUT ULTIMATELY

THESE GOALS ORIGINATE FROM MY NEWLY ACQUIRED UNDERSTANDING THAT

UNIFICATION OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA IS

THE NEXT GENERATION'S RESPONSIBILITY AND MY DREAM TO

ACHIEVE PEACEFULLY.

MY PERSONAL GROWTH

- Learned what it meant to work as a team
- Learned how to be unbiased especially in relaying information through articles even towards subjects I have strong opinions on or are passionate about
- I was really inspired by how much our inside sources in North Korea are willing to sacrifice their safety for a cause they believe in – and in turn, the gravity of their situations helped me become more mature and responsible towards my own work

**THANK YOU IIP FOR A
WONDERFUL
EXPERIENCE!!!**