

Let me introduce myself. I am Mutsuo Inaoka, and I am from Kakogawa, Japan. Unless you have lived in Japan, you probably do not know where Kakogawa is because it is not a well-known city like Tokyo or Osaka. Kakogawa is in Western Japan, not that far from Osaka. Since the name Mutsuo might be a bit difficult for you to pronounce, please call me by my nickname Mark.

After graduating from high school in Kakogawa, I attended Otaru University in Hokkaido, Japan's northern most island. I majored in management science. After graduating, I entered Harima Chemical, a company headquartered in Osaka. During the twenty years that I was employed at Harima, I worked in various parts of the business including accounting, finance, exporting, subsidiary management, and international operations management. Early in my career, I worked in Japan, but four years after joining the company, I was sent to Brazil for two years. From there, I was transferred to the U.S., where I worked for fourteen years.

To better apply the expertise in international business I acquired during my career with Harima, I set up Global-C Corporation in July 2004. Global-C furnishes M&A consulting and management consulting to companies trying to enter foreign markets. I also serve on the industrial council of the Gehrson Lehrman Group, an independent research firm. Because we are also interested in Global Communication—thus, the name Global-C—we currently run an EELearning service offering fun, internet-based language services ranging from translation to lessons to improve pronunciation to copywriting. We currently offer these services in eight languages, but are planning to add more in the future. We are also planning to add a number of other businesses including a website to reach the special needs of seniors and cell phone-based services.

When I returned to Japan in August 2002, I moved back to Kakogawa and built a home near my parents'. I miss parts of my life in the United States, but I am happy to be back in Japan with my wife and two young sons, who attend the same schools I attended as a child. We enjoy skiing, golf, tennis, camping and barbecues when we have time.

In addition to my dream of building Global-C, I also have the dream of seeing as many World Heritage sites as I can during my lifetime.