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Creating a positive first impression is always important in any countries. However, each country has different way to make an introduction as there are various cultures. In addition to that, there are many things to pay attention to while making a self-introduction. You need to be careful when you are in business situation, or you can be casual when you try to be friendly in a college. For the first few classes, we will learn difference between Japan and United States in terms of how people introduce themselves, and we will practice how to give a positive impression in academic as well as professional settings. From there, we will learn how to continue conversation. This also helps you to make a good introduction for your presentation as well.

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Use the following steps to create a strong first impression:

Step 1: How do I want people to remember me? [Who are you?]

Step 2: What do I want people to remember about me now? [What are you doing?/What do you do?]

Step 3: What do I want people to remember about my skills/abilities/talent/etc [What can you do?]

Step 4: What do I want people to know about my career focus/academic focus/etc [What will you do/What did you do?]

Step 5: How do I want people to keep me in mind for the future? [What can we do?]

Example 1:

It's really nice to meet you all (初めてではない場合は、meet => see). I'm Naoko Otani. I'm teaching media communications at Toyo University. I like working with students and I love to see them developing their skills. I'm also very analytical so I like looking at data and using that to help the researchers on my team. I'm planning on continuing teaching career while doing my research for next few years. I enjoy meeting new people and talking to them about their experiences, so I'm hoping we can connect in the near future.

Example 2:

It’s great to meet you — I’m Ben Umino. I’m starting my 3rd year at Boston University where I’m studying Computer Science, with focus on data security. I’m really interesting how to design systems to be more secure, especially for governments, so that they don’t get hacked. I’ve enjoyed working with computers since I was young since I like to fix things and solve complex problems. I hope to work with the government in the future to help organizations protect and secure their data. I enjoy connecting with other computer geeks, so if you’re a computer person, I hope we can stay in touch.

Example 3:

It’s wonderful to meet you — I’m Koichiro Shigaki. For those in English speaking countries, I know it is hard to pronounce my name. So, call me Koach, just like, basketball team coach. My friends in the U.S. gave me this name as they couldn't pronounce my name. I’m a freshman at Doshisha University. I love dancing, listening music, drawing, cooking and all other creative activities. I don’t know what I am going to do but I am certain that I want to do something creative. I am excited to be in this university, and I hope I can get to know you all.

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