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1	How many are you recruiting this time?	about 30 people
2	Will there be any offering later on?	We will offer once a year in principle.
3	Does nationality matter?	No, any nationality is acceptable.
4	Does academic background matter?	No, academic background does not matter.
5	I currently live overseas. Can I apply?	Place of residence does not matter, but you are required to participate in lecture sessions as far as possible.
6	I am running a business on my own. Can I apply?	Yes, you can.
7	I don't have any business background. Can I apply?	Yes, you can.
8	Is there any age limit?	People aged over 20 to under-45 at the time of application are eligible.
9	Could you tell me about the examination process?	We are planning on as follows: - First examination based on documents - Second examination involving 5-minute presentation - Final involving 5-minute presentation - <u>Announcement of application results</u>
10	Do I need to submit any documents for the examination?	We proceed the examination based on the information you enter into the online form.
11	How long does it take until the announcement of application results?	About 4 months. We will announce the final result in March 2016.
12	Where does the qualifying round take place?	It will be held at the head office of SoftBank Group Corp. in Tokyo. If you live abroad or in a distant area, please contact us.
13	Will I be informed even if I don't pass?	We will contact you regardless of the results.
14	Can I submit a video of my presentation or do it on-line instead of physical attendance?	No, you cannot. Applicants who pass first examination are required to be here for presentation. If the examination schedule is inconvenient for you, please contact us.
15	Do I need to submit any other documents at the time of application?	No, you don't. After enrollment, we will ask you to submit some documents. We will announce it only to the enrolled students.
16	Do I need to sign any contract to join SoftBank Academia?	We will ask you to sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement.
17	How much is the tuition?	Free of charge.
18	Can I be an employee of SoftBank Group if I am qualified for SoftBank Academia?	Sorry, but this is not a recruiting activity.
19	If I am a university student and SoftBank Academia member, will SoftBank Group hire me after graduation?	Sorry, but you need to apply for grad hiring.
20	I currently have a job, and can I join SoftBank Academia without quitting my job?	Yes, but you are required to participate in lectures as far as possible.
21	Could you prepare an interpreter for each session?	No, there won't be any interpretation in principle. Communication among Academia students can be done in English if necessary. English version of documents and manuals are prepared.
22	Can I attend the lecture via TV conference or telephone conference?	Sorry, but your physical attendance is required.
23	Will the lectures be distributed via Video or web site?	No, the lectures are not distributed via Ustream.
24	Where do the lectures take place?	They will be generally held at the head office of SoftBank Group in Tokyo.
25	Are there going to be any other venues for lectures other than Tokyo?	There is no such plan at this moment.
26	How often are the lectures held?	Once or twice two monthes on Wednesdays in principle.
27	Can I change my class if I cannot attend?	No, you cannot change your class or dates. Some programs will be made available as on-demand video later.
28	What time does the lecture start?	From 18:00 or 19:00 on Wednesdays, hours vary according to the program. After enrollment, you will be informed of program schedule in detail each time.
29	How long is a lecture?	Expected to be for 2 or 3 hours.
30	Is there a payment of travel expenses?	No. You will be responsible for the cost of your transportation.
31	When will be the enrollment?	April 2017
32	When will be the graduation?	This is a long-term program to cultivate a successor for over 10 years, therefore there is no such concept as graduation.
33	Is there any enrollment period?	In previous year we defined a year as one period and the bottom 20% were replaced at the end of the period. If you become a replaced student, you will have to stop attending the lectures. If you are not replaced, you can continue to attend the lectures.
34	Will you issue any certificates? (Certificate of enrollment, diploma, etc.)	No, there will be no certificate to be issued.
35	Can I tell others that I am a student of SoftBank Academia?	You can talk about being a student of SoftBank Academia, but any information you obtained through lectures must be treated under the Non-Disclosure Agreement.
36	Is it required to submit any recommendation letters from supervisors of my company?	It is not required. Submission of Recommendation letter will have no effect on the examination.
37	I applied last year and didn't pass. Can I apply again?	Yes, you can.
38	If I was replaced and once left SoftBank Academia, would I be able to apply again?	Yes, you can keep applying.