

Kunimasa Shiho

Training Period: October 2014 to September 2015

Assignment before training: Technology, Voice and Video

Purpose of traineeship: "I want to become an engineer who can carry out development domestically and overseas with manufacturers and coworkers. I joined this training to gain experiences that will improve my technical skills and communication skills, while carrying out product development on my own."

Development of Android applications

"When I had just started my training, I did not understand the Agile method of software development. I did not know how to work together with my product manager and the other members of my team. Yet as an engineer I was given one function to develop on my own.

I worried, "In three weeks can I really develop an application that will work?" However, the main feature of the Agile development method is repeating operations within a short development period. While doing this, I made several UI samples by myself and held discussions on them with my product manager. In this way I became able to carry out detailed coordination with other developers. Thanks to this coordination, I was able to decide specifications on the spot with these developers. I became able to finish step by step the development of an application by the end of each development period.

Now I can quickly decide detailed specifications while incorporating my own ideas into an application. I have also experienced the joy of being an individual engineer who can be relied on. It is quite stimulating for me to hold discussions with team members in which each person is aware of their strengths and area of responsibility.

I am happy to work at Montpellier, which is located in the south of France. It is a city that has been growing rapidly, mainly in the IT and medical fields. It has a population of 270,000.

The Montpellier office is the third largest Arkadin office in the world, after Paris and Chicago. It began in 2002 with ten or so members. It expanded in scale, as Arkadin grew rapidly. It moved to its present location about a year and a half ago. Currently, 170 members from 16 different countries work at the office."