

Living the movie: From Chile to Japan

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It was 1994 that a little Jorge Saez, only 7 years old, was about to start a new day. After greeting his mother and sister, the little boy started to eat breakfast. It was that Saturday morning when for the first time the animated series Captain Tsubasa was transmitted on Chilean television. And since then my interest in that far away country on the other side of the ocean called Japan was awakened.

Life went on and in 2005 I started studying engineering. That year I quickly realized that it was not what I wanted. So with my parents' support I decided to take a completely different turn and enter a career in the health field. Thanks to a series of fortunate events I entered to study dentistry at the University of Valparaiso in 2006. After obtaining my dental surgery degree, I began my career as a specialist in oral and maxillofacial radiology at the University of the Andes. It was here that I discovered my passion for new technologies applied to oral medicine.

Sometime later, life presented a new opportunity. To know Japan, and not only to travel, but to live for a while there. My nervous heart of excitement did not hesitate to support my wife 100% and we came to Niigata.

We have been in here for two years now. We have had the opportunity to get to know much of what I once dreamed of as a child. We visited temples, cities and beautiful parks. The most impressive moment of this adventure so far was the possibility to climb Mount Fuji to its summit; I think it is an unforgettable experience. The effort and facing the adversity to finally reach the summit is without a doubt an experience that will treasure with me for the rest of my life.

During this time, we have also met valuable people, kind and willing to help us. I personally have been lucky enough to work side by side with people I never imagined I would meet; people of sacrifice and effort who give their best every day to get ahead. I am grateful for the opportunity to know their stories and see their way of facing life.



I hope to continue having the opportunity to meet new places and new people, each with their own stories. I have nothing left to do but thank everyone who has given me a hand, helped me and believed in me. **“Gracias Totales”**.

Remember, if you have come this far it is because you have done well, keep being a good person, trust your knowledge, and never stop dreaming.

