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Taking a step into unknown required me to consume a lot of energy and made me anxious about my future. After my study abroad in Canada, I started to long for working at an international organization in overseas. I tried the standard job-hunting, but I could not ignore my inner voice telling me that I do not want to. I decided to look for an opportunity to work overseas and luckily found a position working at diplomatic mission abroad. After my 3 years duty at the embassy of Japan in the Philippines, I set up my next object as working in a multicultural environment. Then, I received an offer from Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic 2020 which opened my door to the most ideal job I have ever dreamed of. At the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee, I met many expats who had worked for previous sporting events and lived in several countries. When I saw them, I began to ask myself “if they can do it, shouldn’t I be able to do it?”—I started to aspire continue working in the international sporting event industry. As I gain more experience in working in several different international sporting event, I feel more comfortable and connect with more people who have the similar value as I have and this makes me feel I found a community I belong and feel the genuine joy and happiness of doing what I love and meeting new people from different part of the world. The experience I have had so far made me realize what I thought I know was only a tiny bit part of the world and the actual world is way bigger than what I could have imagined. The first step to dive into unknown required me to have a huge courage—I cannot thank enough those who encouraged me to pursuit the different way, and, I appreciate my past self who kept challenging. I do not know what and where I will be which of course scares me sometime, but now, I rather feel excitement and thrill of diving into unknown. In this presentation, I would like to tell people, especially those who are struggling to visualize where they want to be and what they want to do, that there are many different career paths that you can always change what you want to do, and most importantly, not to give up on pursuing your own happiness.

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