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Tokyo One Stop Business Establishment Center is a place where they can do all procedure for setting up a company at one place. This center is operated jointly by the Government of Japan and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. In addition to the main branch in Akasaka, there are satellite centers in Shibuya and Marunouchi. This time, we talked with Tomoko Ichiguchi, who decided to set up a company because of the difficult situations she faced after her childbirth.



relay interview



If there is no "place to learn" with their children, let's make one!

When I was single, and even after I got married, I spent my time freely to learn about what I was interested in. However, after I had a baby, the life has completely changed. My child became a new center of my life.

That was good thing for me to feel parent's responsibility and spend time with my child. However, I stated to feel a bit of stress because things didn't go smooth by spending time with my child and continuing to work at the same time with a few collaborators. Not only spending my time to work, I also wanted to learn something new. (In my case, English school was an important place to learn) But I faced the reality that I can't take my children to the English lesson, and I can't find a baby sitter either. During such time, I strongly felt "There is something going wrong!"

I repeatedly wondered what I can do to change this situation, but I couldn't come up with a good idea. In the middle of the hard time, I finally came up with this idea, "Let's make it myself!" This is how I decided to start my business.

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However, I was not thinking of setting up a company from the beginning. I wanted to make something which will last for long time. To do that, it is necessary to make it a business. If so, it makes sense if I started a company. In the beginning, I had no idea about the procedure to set up a company. I was thinking that "It would surely be bothersome to start a company," and the thought stopped me to move forward.



Workshop Lab Inc. Representative Director Tomoko Ichiguchi Profile / After graduating from Temple University and Waseda University, she worked in the accounting department for many years at incorporated foundation and private company. After she and her husband continued working after marriage and childbirth, she realized that there were "few places to learn" while doing childcare. In May 2019, she set up a company in order to create a "places to learn" for people who are raising children. (<https://www.workshop-lab.com/>).

One day, when I was searching on the internet about how to set up a company, I found the page of "Tokyo One Stop Business Establishment Center". It was the beginning of this March when I decided to visit them just to see what the place is all about.

I got advice on what I should do to turn my thoughts into business at TOSBEC

I asked SME consultants that I would like to create a "place to learn" that is easy to access for people who feel difficulties with their living, such as people in child-raising. If I think about it now, it was an ambiguous question, but they responded gently and carefully. They were kindly gave me tips on how to put my thoughts into business.

I was very thankful that they gave me a lot of advices. They recommended me to set up a company which will help me to develop my project. They also became a big help to make the articles of incorporation.

Moreover, I can finish all procedure for establishing a company in this center. If I did not know about TOSBEC, I would not have reached the establishment of the company this early. I really appreciate it.



Quick advice

You should consult about anything you do not understand. In my case, my questions were answered properly by the experts. As a user, I did not feel any stress at all, this place is strongly recommended.

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