

Dear Hiring Manager,

I have been employed as an English teacher at Kim's Academy in Mokpo since November of 2009. Teaching English in an East Asian country has been the fulfillment of a goal upon graduating college from The Ohio State University in 2002. I am writing to you with the hope that I can continue this pursuit by teaching at your institution once my current contract expires on November 15, 2010.

During the last seven months, my creativity, passion for teaching and professional background in visual communication have proven to be a tremendous asset to the academy, its students, and to me personally. Organized, punctual and an effective collaborator, I bring over eight years of professional experience in operating my own successful business as an artist while helping others do the same in the highly competitive field of visual communications.

At its core, art is mostly about communication and I remain an artist at heart despite my current focus of teaching English. While my background is diverse and not typical for most TESL applicants, as an artist I strive to perceive clearly and transmit meaningfully, much like a teacher. The satisfaction and rewarding experiences of teaching have been a pleasant surprise to me. Having made a smooth and successful transition from artist to teacher over the last six months, I am still struck by these similarities and am confident we can each benefit from my uniquely diverse skill-set.

I truly enjoy my work and have developed very productive and meaningful relationships with my students and coworkers. I am confident in my ability to make an impact as a teacher in the classroom as well as a contributor to the school community as a whole. I am currently enrolled in a TESOL certification program, and am looking forward to future professional development opportunities. I look forward to showing you my passion and confidence in person and thank you in advance for your consideration of my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Isaiah J. Kraus