The New Graduates Are Here

Graduate program “life’11” begins

After more than a year of planning and preparation, the new Dräger graduate development program “life’11” was launched in September. Eight graduates from six different countries and four different continents will initially spend six months in Lübeck and then go on to support their respective Marketing & Sales departments in their home countries. Dialog asked them to tell us a little bit about themselves.

JEFERSON NAKANO, MARKETING GRADUATE, BRAZIL:
“I’m Jefferson Yuji Nakano. I was born and grew up in São Paulo, Brazil. My parents are Japanese. Dräger made a very positive impression on me from the start: They seemed to be a good employer, plus the training program provided a good entry-level career opportunity. That’s why I applied. The fact that Dräger is active around the world particularly drew my interest; I hope I’ll learn a lot here. I want to take what I learn here and apply it later on in my home country. I love to travel and to try out new flavors and foods. I also play tennis and go jogging.”

MARCENA STALEWSKA, SALES GRADUATE, POLAND:
“My name is Marlena Stalewska; I’m from Warsaw, Poland. I’m particularly interested in medical technology because I already studied medical engineering and electronics. I applied to Dräger because I really wanted to work in my own professional field. Before this, I was working in the telecommunications industry. Given I haven’t accrued much experience in the field of medical technology, the graduate program is the ideal entry-level opportunity for me. Dräger represents first class quality and high standards – to put it with a particularly German image, Dräger is the Mercedes amongst the businesses in its industry. When I’m not working, I love reading, taking photos and traveling.”

MITCH SMITH, MARKETING GRADUATE, AUSTRALIA:
“My name is Mitch Smith and I’m from Melbourne, Australia. I’ve spent the last seven years living and studying in northern Europe, mainly in Germany. The many ambitious projects, locations and opportunities for learning were the reasons why the Dräger graduate program fascinated me, in addition to the values and objectives of the company. I’ve always wanted to be part of a company that combines modern technology with the protection of human life. I’m happy to have found an employer who shares my personal values; a passion for life, an interest in innovation and internationalism. In my spare time, I collect and sample different wines, I also like cooking a lot, especially Asian foods.”

ARJAKRAWI, SALES GRADUATE, DUBAI:
“My name is Arj Akrawi and I’m originally from Austria. I studied marketing and management in the UK for four years. The Dräger graduate program offers me the best opportunity to help the people who most need it on one hand, and advance my professional career on the other. It also gives me the chance to live and work in different countries. The thing I most appreciate about Dräger is that the company doesn’t just make “technology for life”; it also embodies that ideal. I also like the company’s international focus – there’s diversity with a capital “D” here, and it’s seen as something that benefits the business. In my spare time, I’m a passionate soccer-fan: not just as a spectator, but also as a player. Photography has also grabbed my attention recently.”

LEO LUI, SALES GRADUATE, CHINA:
“Hello, my name is Leo from China. I’m very interested in “technology for life” – and how Dräger uses technology to save lives. As a rookie, I’m interested in using the training program to learn a lot of new things and improve my skills. I’m also excited about meeting the other graduates and hope to build friendships with them very quickly. My hobbies are reading and swimming.”

MONICA LEHMPPFHL, MARKETING GRADUATE, DUBAI:
“I’ve been training at Dräger since September 1. The program offers me the chance to improve my skills in marketing and business development by means of specific on-the-job training. But why did I choose Dräger? Well, my career so far has a very strong medical background: I was active for years in rescue services and medical research. Dräger is a company with very high moral standards. A business whose products protect, save and sustain lives. My first impression was very positive: We were welcomed very warmly. In my spare time I play a lot of sports: I go ski-hobbing, trampoline and dive.”

MAXIMILIAN HENKE, SALES GRADUATE, GERMANY:
“I’m really excited to be working with a young, dynamic team where I’ll be laying the groundwork for an international network of contacts. The opportunity to bring my own ideas with me to Dräger and hence make a contribution to the overall success of the business also attracts me. I’d like to learn still more about my strengths and weaknesses and have the opportunity to work on myself – and besides that, I’m hoping that Dräger will prepare me well for a responsible job in sales. From my perspective, Dräger is a company that combines the characteristics of a family enterprise with the opportunities of an international corporation, making it a very attractive employer. All this makes it possible for me to identify every day with the values of my company: that’s really the basis of my motivation.”

CHUNMAO ZHANG, MARKETING GRADUATE, CHINA:
“Hello, my name is Chunmao Zhang. I have a Bachelors degree in clinical medicine and a Masters in epidemiology. Before I arrived at Dräger, I spent a year in research and development at Roche and was employed for two years as a teacher at a medical college. In my spare time, I like playing different sports: I play tennis, skate and go climbing and bowling. My favorite sport is definitely tennis – even if I’m much better at ping-pong and badminton. I’ve been waiting a long time for the sort of opportunity the Dräger graduate program offers me. Now I’ve finally got the chance to drive my career in marketing forward. On the other hand, ‘Made in Germany’ is already a world wide concept: it stands for technology of the future and excellent quality.”