



Unit 21 – Take a chance on me

Task 03

Announcer: News update! Listen to Hyeon's story ... five years later.

Hyeon: Hi, my name's Hyeon and I work at a factory that produces paper and plywood products. I've been working here since I started my apprenticeship. I was promoted to head the Logistics Team a few months ago, but I work with all the departments in my company to make sure that we deliver our products on time and up to our rigorous standards. I'm interested in computers and I love the programs used in logistics and tracking. Although I've always worked hard at my job, it's been no walk in the park for me. For one thing, my colleagues thought I packed strange lunches because I brought things like kimchee and rice balls to work. I think some of them just thought I was odd. However, after I made some traditional Korean food for our Christmas party, some of my colleagues tried it and really liked it. We had something new to talk about. That was when I really started to feel at home here. I really feel that working hard and being part of a great team is worthwhile, but it's also important to be yourself. Before I got my promotion, I was worried that my colleagues would be jealous of me and I was afraid to take the job, at first ... but my manager convinced me that my hard work should be rewarded and that I would have even more fun tackling a new challenge. He was right – and my colleagues actually supported me a lot, as I got used to doing the new job. It was the right decision ... to take a chance!