



Presentation Series #12

Swiss' Experiences: Surviving & Thriving in Japan

The Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan SCCIJ in collaboration with the Science & Technology Office Tokyo, Embassy of Switzerland in Japan is organizing a presentation series, inviting Swiss speakers to talk and discuss their experiences in Japan. Please join us for interesting talks, discussions and networking!

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018, 19:00 – 21:00

Place: Meeting Room of
Okuno & Partners, Kyobashi TD Bldg. 7F
1-2-5 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
<http://www.okunolaw.com/en/location/>

What: Presentation (30-40min), Discussion (20-30min)
Networking with Swiss Cheese and Wine (1 hour)

Registration: <http://www.stofficetokyo.ch/swissexperiences/>

Speaker: Mr. Pascal Lottaz
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Pascal was born in 1985. He lived in a small town in the canton of Fribourg until the age of 18 when he first left for a year to Japan to do an exchange at a local High School in Hashimoto-shi, Wakayama in 2004/05. That year impressed him so much that he came back for an internship at the Minato city office in 2010, a master course in Public Policy at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in 2012 and his Ph.D. at the same institute from 2014 until now.

Pascal's speciality is Neutrality in Asia, the Second World War and the Swiss Community in Japan during and before the war. For his thesis, he has unearthed some material about the long history of the Swiss who tried to 'survive and thrive' in Japan long before he did. He will share those stories with us at this month's Swiss' Experience, focusing on the historical ties between the Swiss community and Japan, and what we all can learn from 154 years since the first Swiss company was set up in Yokohama. On his part, his studies motivated him last year to found his own company together with a Paraguayan friend. But that's a different story...



Many more to follow!