



Presentation Series #13

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: Wednesday, July 4, 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)

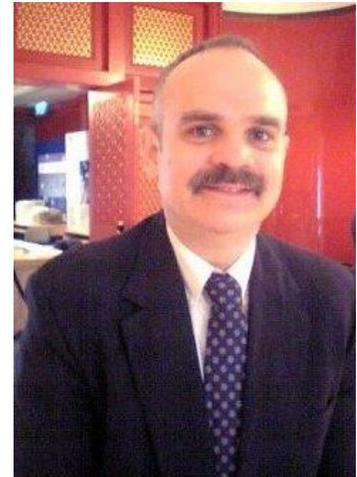
Registration: <http://www.stofficetokyo.ch/swissexperiences/>

Speaker: Mr. Walter Altherr
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Walter has ridden the ups and downs of Japanese finance for 30 years. Born into a Swiss-American family, he was working in Geneva when he received a scholarship to study in Japan. He arrived there during the 1980s bubble, when sushi was sprinkled with gold dust. When he visited the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei index set a new record high. He joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, which went on to become the world's most valuable company.

After struggling to fit into the Japanese personnel system, he left to become a securities analyst, working mainly for foreign investment banks like Credit Suisse. He analyzed Japanese financial services firms, recommending investors which stocks should be bought or sold. His career progressed and by 2008 he had risen to the rank of Managing Director at Lehman Brothers.



After the 2008 financial crisis, he reinvented himself as Chief Financial Officer of Fusion Systems, a Pan-Asian software firm. His work includes business planning, budgeting, treasury, accounting and other financial and administrative tasks to support the firm's new initiatives. Walter will discuss not only career plans and aspirations, but also modifying those plans in response to changing circumstances to thrive (or at least survive).

Many more to follow!