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## Presentation Series #14

# 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:** Monday, October 29, 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 (1 hour)
- Registration:** by e-mail to [info@sccij.jp](mailto:info@sccij.jp) (Deadline: Wednesday, October 24)
- Speaker:** Mr. Martin Fluck, Director of Operations, North Asia  
Oakwood Worldwide (Asia) Pte Ltd., a member of Oakwood Worldwide

## Mr. Martin Fluck, Director of Operations, North Asia at Oakwood Worldwide (Asia) Pte Ltd.

Overseeing Oakwood's operations in Japan and South Korea is Martin Fluck, Director of Operations, North Asia. Out of Oakwood, he likes to be actively involved in the Swiss community in Japan, and is also the former President of the SCCIJ.

Born in Kobe, where he spent his first 10 years, he then went to Switzerland and grew up in Wiesendangen, near Winterthur. During his days at the École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL), a prestigious hotel management school in Lausanne, he had the opportunity to undergo an internship at the former Hilton in Akasaka (current Capitol Hotel Tokyu) under the superb leadership of one of the most well-known Swiss hoteliers in Asia. He was so impressed and inspired that he returned to Japan right after graduating to start his career as a hotelier.



His first job was as a Trainee at the newly opened Hilton Tokyo in Shinjuku in 1984, where he built experience in the Food & Beverage Department and was promoted to Food & Beverage Manager for the opening of the Hilton Nagoya. He then took the opportunity to work in a different geographical environment with a Japanese real estate company based in Sydney, Australia, seconded to the Four Seasons Resort Bali Project in Indonesia. However, he could not hide his affection and love for Japan, and was appointed Project Manager at the Park Hyatt Tokyo. Subsequently he was in Vietnam for 7 years.

After spending a total of 10 years in South-East Asia, he concluded that it was time to come 'home' to the country he was born in, and joined Oakwood in Tokyo in December 2001. He has since then been working for Oakwood, and has gradually increased the presence of its properties in Japan in the past 17 years. He has spent a combined 34 years of his life in Japan.

**Many more to follow!**