



Presentation Series #15

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, April 25, 2019, 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:** Please register [here](#) (Deadline: Thursday, April 18)
- Speaker:** Mr. Claudio Feliciani, Project Assistant Professor, The University of Tokyo

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Have you ever wondered how crowds and flows of people are managed in cities like Tokyo? Who is behind the planning of pedestrian traffic for the Olympics and Paralympics? Is it possible to prevent stampedes and similar accidents?

Claudio Feliciani started asking himself those questions several years ago and he is now working in the Crowd Management Research Center of The University of Tokyo trying to understand how crowds of people move and behave and finding solutions to manage them efficiently.

Born in the south of Ticino, just few kilometers from the Italian border, he obtained his bachelor in mechanical engineering from the ETH Zurich and later studied nuclear engineering at the same university, obtaining the master degree in 2010.



During a short stay in Australia in 2008 he got in touch with Asian culture and later took the opportunity given by the internship program of Prof. Hannes Bleuler to study Japanese language and work in a Japanese company. Starting as an intern at Mitsubishi Electric (Amagasaki, Hyogo) in 2010, he later became a full time researcher in the same company studying fluid-dynamics and properties of molden polymers.

In an attempt to add a humanistic touch to his interests on physics and mathematics and fascinated by the movements of huge crowds in Japanese cities, he later joined the Nishinari lab. of The University of Tokyo obtaining his PhD in 2017. He is currently involved in several projects with public and private partners in the frame of pedestrian traffic and crowd management.

In addition, he has been an instructor for the Association for the Promotion of International Understanding, teaching about Swiss culture and traditions in almost 50 public schools.

Many more to follow!