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Science Diplomacy in China and Beyond: A Personal Journey across Japan, America, and China

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This talk will touch upon the concept of Science Diplomacy and the speaker's own personal journey across Japan, the U.S. and China in this regard. Science diplomacy is a fast-growing field of education, research, innovation, and practice dedicated to better understanding and reinforcing the connections between science, technology, and international affairs to tackle national and global challenges. Science diplomacy is part of the toolbox of traditional diplomacy defined by politics, trade, and economics. The idea is that science can serve as an efficient tool for dialogue, often less conflicting and designed for collaboration, offering platforms for new forms of interaction and interdisciplinarity. Various examples from Swissnex will cover some surprising aspects of vocational training and higher education, startup market entry in China, some research and interdisciplinary initiatives and, of course, the S&T Diplomatic Circles.

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