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The CTI signs an agreement between Switzerland and Japan on the promotion of science-based innovations

The Commission for Technology and Innovation CTI and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology MEXT intend to further strengthen their good relations in the area of innovation and further promote cooperation in the area of science-based innovation. Representatives of both countries signed an agreement in Spiez on Tuesday.

By signing the agreement, Switzerland and Japan recognise the benefits of mutual exchange of technological knowledge and globalisation of research and development. The aim of this agreement is to promote joint innovation projects involving researchers and entrepreneurs from both countries. The agreement specifically envisages joint workshops for stakeholders in innovation beginning in 2014.

The implementation agreement was signed during the 2013 Japan Symposium. The Symposium is a significant preliminary event in the run up to celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Switzerland in 2014. The aim of the Symposium is to help companies and researchers of both countries to access bilateral partnerships and to provide specific examples that put forward corresponding federal funding opportunities.

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