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## Business Power for Democratisation: Lessons from Japan



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All are Welcome!!

## **Abstract:**

International relations theory views regional identity as one means of averting conflicts between countries. For this presentation, I hypothesise that "overseas Chinese society" is one possible player to form such a regional identity in Northeast Asia. Firstly, "overseas Chinese society" shares with Japan a stress on the importance of free markets and democracy. Moreover, since overseas Chinese have historically made great contributions to the economic development of mainland China, they may be able to exercise influence on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). In this presentation, I will make use of the vast literature on the business-government relationship in Japan to hint at how overseas Chinese might be able to influence the CCP.