

## **Presentation Summary**

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Recently, overseas expansions mainly in Asia by Japanese SMEs in the form of being away from affiliation and subcontracting relationships with Japanese large companies are on the rise. Among them, some SMEs which do not only focus on profit but also put emphasis on contribution to partner countries or international cooperation have emerged. This trend might be reinforced not only by Japanese ODA which started supporting Japanese SMEs' overseas expansions in 2012, but also by growing awareness and activities on social business, CSR and SDGs among the Japanese private sector. Nevertheless, studies on what such type of overseas expansions could do for partner countries as well as to companies themselves seem to be limited. Therefore, the main purpose of the presentation is to consider contributions to be possibly made by Japanese SMEs who expand overseas business with emphasis on international cooperation in the following structure: a) contribution to partner countries from a perspective of "regional development and peacebuilding", b) unique feature of contribution to partner countries from a viewpoint of "management-led overseas expansion", and c) contribution to human resource development of the companies in comparison with an ordinarily form of overseas expansion.