From tiny nanoparticles to big dreams for science communication in Asia

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Due to differences in language and culture, it is often a challenge to communicate research taking place in Asia to a global audience. This talk will detail my seven-year journey into science communication, starting from when I was a biology graduate student and post-doctoral researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In particular, I will describe how I founded Asian Scientist Magazine, Asia’s leading science and technology magazine. Finally, I will also discuss my research into microfluidics, nanomedicine and drug delivery at MIT and Nanyang Technological University, where I was most recently a Nanyang Assistant Professor. The research work I will discuss has resulted in four patents (three licensed) and publications in Nature Communications, PNAS and Nanoscale.