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Temporary Closure of the Chairlift at the Swiss Pavilion

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For security reasons the Swiss Pavilion needs to temporarily interrupt the operation of the chairlift. This has been decided by the management today after the investigation of an incident.

At the beginning of this week, a sudden rainfall resulted in one chairlift seat sliding into another. A 34 year old Chinese woman had her foot fractured.

The management of the Swiss Pavilion immediately investigated the causes of this incident and is taking the respective measures. Today it was decided that for security reasons the operation of the chairlift will be suspended until the successful implementation of these measures. As of today, it is not known when the operation will resume.

The management and staff of the Swiss Pavilion deeply regret this incident and sincerely apologize to the affected people and their families.

So far more than 35 million people have visited the Expo Shanghai. The Swiss Pavilion has caught a big interest since the very beginning and is among the most popular pavilions of the Expo. The chairlift carrying about 1'000 people per hour is one of the many attractions of the Swiss Pavilion.

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