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Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter on official visit to China

Bern, 22.04.2013 - The Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Didier Burkhalter, shall pay an official visit to China on 25 April 2013. He will hold high-level talks with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, on a range of key bilateral and international issues.

The working visit of Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter will be the fourth in a series of high-level annual consultations between Switzerland and China. These political and institutional consultations between the Swiss and Chinese foreign ministers began in 2010 in response to growing bilateral ties and areas of cooperation between the two countries.

On the agenda of the 25 April meeting will be negotiations on a free trade agreement and on various draft bilateral agreements and visits. Other items on the agenda will include the environment, human rights as well as major regional and multilateral issues.

During his brief visit, Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, in his capacity as vice president of the Federal Council and Head of the FDFA, shall meet notably with his Chinese counterpart, Mr. Wang Yi, China unveiled its new government on 16 March 2013.

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