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Newsletter of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai

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Word from the Consul General

Dear Swiss Friends, dear Friends of Switzerland,

The quality and intensity of Switzerland's relations with our host country are reaching new heights: The new Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang started his first official visit to Europe last May in Switzerland, while so far this year three Federal Councillors – Mr Burkhalter, Ms Leuthard, and Mr Schneider-Ammann – have visited China. The undisputed highlight was the signing of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by FC Schneider-Ammann and his Chinese counterpart Gao Hucheng in Beijing on 6th July 2013. This achievement undoubtedly marks a milestone in our bilateral relations and will - upon ratification - further boost trade.

But the FTA is not only about trade, it includes a number of issues which are relevant to bilateral economic relations in general, such as intellectual property and investment promotion. Moreover, the FTA creates an excellent bilateral atmosphere and will thus certainly contribute to further deepening our ties and cooperation with China in a number of other fields.

The next high-level visitor to China coming from Switzerland is our President Ueli Maurer who is expected to arrive in Beijing on 17th July. Thereafter Federal Councillor Alain Berset will be heading a health, medtech and cultural delegation bound for China in mid-August - we will also have the pleasure to welcome him in Shanghai. Together with SwissCham Shanghai, the Consulate General is organising an event with focus on bilateral health and medtech cooperation in the evening of 18th August. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to attend that event and meet with Mr Berset!



Consul General Heinrich Schellenberg

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Sino-Swiss Free Trade Agreement

“A historical moment for the relations between China and Switzerland”

J. Schneider-Ammann, 6th July 2013

A historical bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Switzerland and the People's Republic of China was signed by Federal Councillor Johann Schneider-Ammann and Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng in Beijing on 6th July 2013. From the first contacts in 2007 to the 9th round of negotiation this year, Switzerland and China worked closely together to reach this agreement, the first of its kind between China and a continental European country. The *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* reported how proud the Swiss delegation was when Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng said: “Despite its small size, Switzerland is one of the world’s leading economic powers.”

The FTA between China and Switzerland will improve mutual market access for goods and services, enhance legal security for the protection of intellectual property and bilateral economic exchange in general, contribute to sustainable development and deepen bilateral cooperation. For the vast majority of bilateral trade, the FTA will dismantle tariffs fully or partially, sometimes subject to transition periods (up to 15 years). The questions of human rights and labour issues as well as environmental concerns were not omitted and respectively addressed in a supplement agreement linked to the FTA and provisions of the agreement.

For Switzerland, it is a great step towards enlarging market access for Swiss exports of goods and services to the large and fast-growing Chinese market, its first trading partner in Asia. It will also create a competitive advantage for the Swiss economy over countries which have no FTA with China. At the same time, Swiss economic operators will be protected against existing or future free trade partners of China.

“If everything goes as planned, the agreement could enter into force in mid-2014” said Federal Councillor Johann Schneider-Ammann to the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* on Saturday after the agreement was signed. The next step is the approval of the FTA by the Swiss Parliament.



Federal Councillor Johann Schneider-Ammann and his homolog Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng

For further information on the FTA please refer to:
[State Secretariat for Economic Affairs \(SECO\)](#)

by Quentin Pache

Economic Mission to Hefei

Delegation Visit to Anhui Province

Hefei, the capital of Anhui Province, was recently identified by The Economist as the World's No. 1 fastest growing metropolitan area. This strengthened the Consulate General's resolve to give more attention to this promising city and to organise, together with SwissCham Shanghai, a two-day economic mission with a view to exploring Hefei's great potential.

The aim of the economic mission was to allow Swiss Companies to learn more about the local business and investment environment and to establish contacts with the Government as well as various institutions. Around 20 representatives of Swiss companies seized the opportunity and travelled to Hefei on 16th April 2013 where they were welcomed by Consul General Mr Heinrich Schellenberg for a brief introduction.



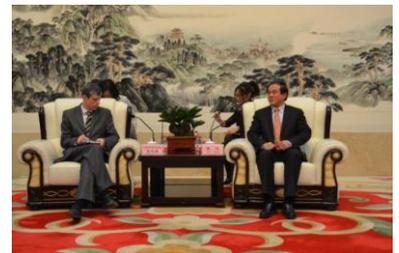
The delegation of the economic mission



Visit to ABB



Visit to RongAn Power Machinery



Meeting with Vice Mayor Han Bing

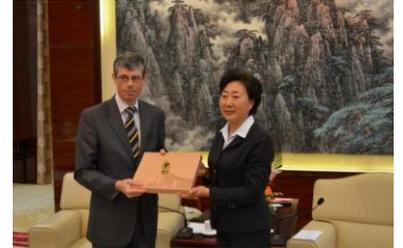
On the first day, company visits to ABB and RongAn Power Machinery in the Hefei Economic and Technological Development Zone and a meeting with Hefei's Vice Mayor Han Bing were on the agenda. The latter was followed by a dinner with municipal officials and the vice-mayor itself. Back at the hotel, representatives of the Suzhou-Chouzhou Modern Industrial Park held a presentation to introduce their park.

The second day started with a visit to the Swiss company Bühler, which is a Joint Venture with Yijiete controlled by Bühler. Mr Dieter Voegtli, CEO of Asia Pacific, gave an overview and interesting insights into the company's performance in China and in Hefei in particular. For Voegtli, one of the main assets of Hefei is the availability of qualified people, which is crucial for companies like Bühler.

Also located in the second Development Zone of Hefei, in the Hefei High Technology Industry Development Zone, is the German company Continental Group (known for its tires), which the delegation visited next. The Swiss delegation was further welcomed by Vice Governor Ms Hua Jianhui and several provincial officials for an official meeting which was followed by a lunch. The last station of the economic mission was the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC). As a member of China's C9 League, the USTC enjoys a high reputation around the globe and is able to offer highly qualified workforce for the companies established in the province.

This Economic Mission was rewarding for both sides. The Chinese officials much appreciated the presence and interest of Swiss companies in Anhui as a business location, and the Swiss side was given the chance to explore a new business destination and the unique opportunity to meet government officials.

The Consulate General would like to thank the Anhui Foreign Affairs Office for the organization and their hospitality, SwissCham for its support and all members of the delegation for their participation.



Meeting with Vice-Governor Hua Jianhui



Visit to Bühler Yijiete



Visit to the University of Science and Technology of China and meeting with Vice President Mr Chen Chusheng

by Jean-François Mayoraz

Mission possible

Impressive Construction Update: the Sino-Swiss Zhenjiang Ecological Industry Park

President Dr Patrick Hofer-Noser and China representative Marco Rhyner of Cleantech Switzerland were accompanied by Consul General Heinrich Schellenberg on their visit to the Sino-Swiss Zhenjiang Ecological Industry Park (SSZEIP) on 29th May 2013. The purpose was to take stock of the developments that have taken place since the groundbreaking ceremony on 22nd January of this year.

SSZEIP is a bilateral initiative between the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of the Swiss Confederation. With a total area of 20 km², the park will include industrial, R&D, residential and recreational areas. The first phase project named the Sino-Swiss Innovation Center has an area of 10 hectare and construction area of 220,000 m² with total investment of RMB 2.5 billion. The construction started in January and includes 11 landmark central park buildings. Four of them were designed by the Swiss company Keller Technologies, which is known for its energy-efficient architecture.



The work is taking place day and night and did not even stop during the Chinese New Year's holidays. Now two buildings already reached the 4th and one the 2nd floor. Basement construction for all buildings has finished and main structures are expected to be completed by the year end. So far the local government has invested RMB 75 million in the construction.



Visit of Zhenjiang Ecological Industry Park





From left to right: Consul General Mr Heinrich Schlenberg, Mr Marco Rhyner, Chief Representative Cleantech China liaison office, Dr Patrick Hofer-Noser, President Cleantech Switzerland

Energy efficient concepts and Swiss elements are carried throughout the construction work. SSZEIP is trying to build up a Sino-Swiss Technology Transfer Center, Sino-Swiss Products Exhibition and Trading Platform as well as a Cleantech Platform. In the meantime, further development will include an international residential area in the park.

Currently Swiss participation from the private sector is limited to the construction field. There are surely more opportunities and potentials to be discovered. The Swiss government is committed to the successful development of this project and will continue to provide official support.

by Stella Nie

swissnex China

Who we are

We will start a new series introducing the people behind swissnex China to you in this and the next issues of Grüezi Shanghai. Here comes part I:

Pascal Marmier

Executive Director, Vice Consul

Since arriving from the US last August, I have been busy building up new collaborative programs for Swiss universities and startups while also promoting the excellence of Swiss Education, Research and Innovation in China. I have greatly enjoyed meeting the rich and diverse Swiss community and I am particularly excited about the idea to develop more activities and to support executives and students active in R&D and innovation. One of the first words I learnt in mandarin was “paobu” - so I hope to find some other enthusiasts of this sport!

Isabel Goetz

Human Resources, Projects and Events

I returned to China for good in March 2011, after working for swissnex China in 2010 from spring to autumn. I was responsible for E+, the framework program of the Einstein Exhibition (Hong Kong 2011/Wuhan 2012), organized lectures and events, and later took over human resources. Over the past years, I had the chance to work alongside a great and dynamic team, and we have welcomed interesting people coming from very diverse areas. My work allows me to bring in my experience, and to learn more and further develop my interest in various topics. The decision to come back was an easy one, and by far the fastest one I ever took! I fell for Shanghai, the city that truly never sleeps and surprises me again, and again in all kinds of ways.



For further information please refer to www.swissnexchina.org



Yiwen Sun

Head of Interdisciplinary and Special Projects

I joined swissnex China in 2009 and I am now working as the Head of Interdisciplinary and Special Projects. With the background of Arts Administration, I enjoy staying behind the scenes, presenting all the cool projects that integrate science, art and innovation. Besides, I also try to connect different people/organizations who share the same interests from Switzerland and China.

I hold the belief of "work hard, play hard", and love being "on the road".



Lijun Zhang

Project Leader Innovation and Technology

I have been working for swissnex China since 1st April this year. I have a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and an MBA education. Thereafter I gained experience to facilitate business development for start-up entrepreneurs in the P.R.C. I am in charge of the technology and innovation program that aims to promote technology communication and partnering between Switzerland and China, which I have paid great interest to. I have been responsible for leveraging the resources in China to create an interactive network in the fields of innovation and start-up entrepreneurship.



Richard Kurz

Financial Officer

My name is Richard Kurz and I have been working at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai and swissnex China for almost 5 years. I'm one of the two financial officers at swissnex China, and I split my time between the CG and swissnex. In our function we keep an eye on all expenses for the operational costs as well as for our ongoing projects and make sure everything and everybody gets paid in time. I'm originally from Allschwil, close to the city of Basel. Now I live with my family in the Xuhui district, which has around 45 times more people than Allschwil but a bit less nature. Nevertheless I love to live in Shanghai. From time to time I need to escape into nature, of which, despite China's rapid development, there still is plenty.



Swiss Business Hub

Swiss Food Evening at the SIAL Food Exhibition 7th - 9th May

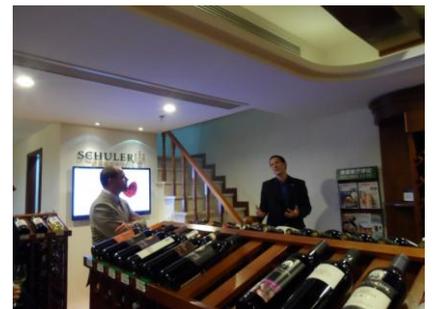
On the occasion of the first ever Swiss pavilion at the SIAL China 2013, the Swiss Business Hub on behalf of Switzerland Global Enterprise and with the support of the General Consulate organized a Swiss Food evening on 8th May at the flagship store of Schuler wines. The location was willingly chosen to show the nine participating Swiss food enterprises the possibilities Swiss Food & Beverage companies have in China.



Front view of the Swiss Food pavilion at the SIAL

After a welcoming address by Kilian Widmer, the Swiss Business Hub Trade Promotion Director, and Anna Mattei, Deputy Consul General, more than 20 exhibitor guests and 10 food experts enjoyed an evening over fine wine and tasty food. In a relaxed and casual atmosphere, the companies seized the opportunity to network among themselves as well as with experts on site, at the same time learning more about the market and their individual opportunities in the complex Chinese market. All the participants expressed a positive surprise regarding their experience at the exhibition and the perceived interest in their products after the first two days of the exhibition. The Swiss companies increasingly see China as an important market for the products which can no longer be afforded to neglect.

The evening was a great success and we hope to repeat the event for the SIAL 2014!



Kilian Widmer (right), SBH China Trade Promotion Director

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Mrs Anna Mattei (above), Deputy Consul General, addresses the participants (below)



For further information please refer to the following websites:

Swiss Business Hub China

<http://www.osec.ch/de/panels/China>

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OSEC Business Network Switzerland

<http://www.osec.ch/de/panels/China>

OSEC Pool of Experts

www.poolofexperts.ch

Inward investment promotion

www.invest-in-switzerland.cn

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by Kilian Widmer

Swiss Business Hub Shanghai

Pro Helvetia

Contemporary Exhibitions in Shanghai and Suzhou

“The Smell of the Animal” by Yves Netzhammer and Bernd Schurer at K11 Art Space

With the support of Swiss Arts Council, Pro Helvetia, the multimedia installation named “The Smell of the Animal” will be exhibited at K11 Art Space from 24th May to 28th July 2013 in Shanghai. It is a collaborative work by Yves Netzhammer and Bernd Schurer. The two artists provide an extremely interesting proposal, which echo to the curatorial mind by transforming the fire security stairs (7 floors) to a multi-scenes theatre. The entire installation is based on the unique graphic system that Y. Netzhammer has developed for many years. To work out this site-specific project, they had arrived in Shanghai two weeks before the opening to build up the installation on-site together with local support.

“The Identity beyond the Body” – Katja Schenker’s Contemporary Art Exhibition at Suzhou Jinji Lake Art Museum

From 24th August to 24th November 2013, Swiss female artist Katja Schenker’s exhibition can be seen at the Suzhou Jinji Lake Art Museum. Through this contemporary art exhibition, the Chinese audience can get an idea of Swiss art creation, especially of the personalized creation way of Katja Schenker as the representative of the Swiss contemporary women artistic creation. By inviting the Swiss female artist to Suzhou, the Museum hopes to get an opportunity to introduce the city culture and art to Swiss people and with the aim to have an impact on cultural and artistic exchanges between China and Switzerland.



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For further information please refer to the following website:

www.prohelvetia.cn

by pro helvetia, Shanghai

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The Bridge Magazine – Articles in the next issue

swisscham.org

Innovation Made in China – Reality or Fiction?

Exclusive Interview with Nobel Prize Winner Edmund Phelps:

„China Will Become a Major Source of Indigenous Innovation“

The Nobel Prize Winner in Economics for 2006, Prof. Edmund Phelps, is very positive about China becoming a major source of indigenous innovation in the world, as he tells “The Bridge” in an exclusive interview. In the long run and very similar to the US, the American economist and Dean of the newly established “New Huadu Business School” in Beijing sees China mainly trading with itself.

Read the full story [here](#)

A CEO’s Guide to Innovation in China

Dynamic domestic players and focused multinationals are helping China churn out a growing number of innovative products and services. Intensifying competition lies ahead; here’s a road map for navigating it. Provided by McKinsey.

Read the full story [here](#)

“The Most Innovative Are Often the Least Interested in Patenting”

MIT Professor and innovation expert Edward Steinfeld sees true innovation in China’s particular ability to combine tempo, scale and cost reduction in the manufacturing industry. What we haven’t seen yet is truly new product innovation, he tells The Bridge.

Read the full story [here](#)

Confucius Institute to Open in Basel – Interview with Antonio Loprieno

As China increases efforts to promote its cultural influence and enhance its global reputation, Confucius Institutes are springing up all over, bringing Chinese language and culture to many foreign audiences. Confucius Institutes are part of the “soft power initiative” launched by Chinese President Hu Jintao back in 2005. After Geneva, Basel will host Switzerland’s second Confucius Institute, which will open its doors this fall. The Bridge talked to Prof. Antonio Loprieno, Rector of University of Basel and Egyptologist.

Read the full story [here](#)



Swiss Club Shanghai

Annual General Assembly 2013

Date: 24th May 2013

Venue: Marriott Changfeng Park



This is your Swiss Club 2013/14:

Committee Members:

Patrick Scheibli (President), incumbent
Ruedi Steffen (Vice-President), incumbent
Haibo Gu (Secretary), newly-elected
Thomas Kuhn (Treasurer), newly-elected
Gloria Schmidt, incumbent
Peter Eggli, newly-elected
Fabian Gull, incumbent

Swiss Consulate General Representative: Sacha Steiner

Webmaster: Marco Daescher

ASO Representative: Jan Forelli

Special thanks go to the outgoing Committee Members Robert Hartmann, Milena Reutlinger and Roger Umberg for their dedicated work for the Swiss community.

For more information please refer to the following website:

www.swissclubshanghai.org

by Fabian Gull

Swiss Club Shanghai

Invitation Swiss National Day 2013

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The Swiss Club Shanghai is cordially inviting all Members, Swiss Citizens and Friends of Switzerland to our National Day Party 2013 on

Saturday, August 3rd 2013 starting at 14:00 hrs

Venue: Garden Pavilion @ Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai
2588 Yan An Xi Road, Shanghai 201103

Don't miss this event and come over to the Millennium Hotel, enjoying good company, great food, live entertainment and a lot of fun!

Please register with Thomas Kuhn (thomas.kuhn@fracht-shanghai.com)
not later than 31st July 2013.

This event is organized with the support of the Consulate General of Switzerland and Fracht (Shanghai) Ltd.

Your Committee

Swiss Club Shanghai



For further information please visit
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by Swiss Club Shanghai

Swiss Week in Shanghai 2013

Invitation Swiss National Day 2013

The Swiss Week was a new initiative aimed at raising the visibility of Switzerland and its products in Shanghai. During four days, Swiss companies and institutions had the opportunity to present themselves to the Chinese as well as to the Swiss public in the streets of Shanghai. Organized by sim (selective international management) and GIBCOM, the main focus of the event was Swiss consumer goods and services such as tourism, F&B, home appliances, as well as technology, education and business promotion. Cultural activities were also included in the program, and passers-by could enjoy them along with the tasting of some Swiss cheese, waffles, or even sun-powered purified water.

Despite bad weather, more than 120'000 people visited the 22 Swiss booths during those four days. Media widely reported the event which was also followed by more than 70'000 readers on Weibo. For most participants it was a great success.

The Swiss Week was officially launched by the Consul General of Switzerland in Shanghai, Mr Heinrich Schellenberg, and the Vice-governor of Huangpu district, Mr Wu Cheng on Thursday evening, 30th May 2013.



Alexandre Jous (picture to the right), a world-famous Alp Horn player, brought a Swiss musical touch to the event. Mixing traditional music and modern rhythms, each of his representations attracted curious people who had never seen such an instrument.



Some exhibitors had some very successful sales, such as Emmi, offering yoghurts, milk, and even cheese fondue, Kägi with its delicious mini-waffles, or Toblerone and their world-famous mountain-shaped chocolates.



For the pleasure of young ones and less-young ones, Rabbit Balloons was there to entertain the crowd with his fantastic balloon creations.



Of course Heidi & Peter could not be missing! Countless people took the chance to use the photo booth and its Swiss landscape, sit down with Heidi and take a picture. Weibo pages must have been filled with white mountains and blue frilly dresses!



Eighteen Swiss companies and four Swiss institutions were present at this 2013 edition. We hope that many more will join us next year! Moreover, Swiss Weeks might also happen in other cities such as Guangzhou and Beijing!

by Quentin Pache

Swiss Ball 2013



swisscham.org

Glitters, frills, flowers, flared trousers and afro haircuts. To this, add some groovy music, some dancers, and a lot of flashy lights: All you need for an unforgettable 70's party!

But that's not all that we got on the night on 18th May: Just like every year, the traditional Swiss Ball was organized by the SwissCham and the Swiss Club in Shanghai. Hosted at the Grand Hyatt of JinMao Tower, more than 250 people came to do the hustle and dance on YMCA in a good-natured atmosphere. After a good dinner and some energetic moves on the dance floor, a lucky draw pleased some with restaurant or hotel vouchers, wine, watches, or even flight tickets to Switzerland.



by Quentin Pache

On Promotion Tour in China:

The Swiss Deluxe Hotels delegation in Shanghai

On 6 June 2013, the Consul General of Switzerland in Shanghai and his wife welcomed a high-level delegation from the Swiss Deluxe Hotels in the Residence's beautiful garden. The delegation, composed of the President and the Managing Director of Swiss Deluxe Hotels, as well as 17 member hotels' representatives had the chance to meet and greet with 30 high-end tour operators and VIPs from Shanghai and around in the frame of their China promotion tour organized by Switzerland Tourism.

The Swiss Deluxe Hotels – the 38 most exclusive 5-star hotels in Switzerland – owe their uniqueness to the quality of their service and century-old tradition of catering to the luxury traveller. Swiss Deluxe Hotels are among the most famous Grand Hotels in the world.

In addition to traditional western markets, the Swiss Deluxe Hotels are focusing their promotion on new markets which are growing rapidly, such as China (+25%), India (+12%), Brazil (+15%) and the Gulf States (+24%). Overnight stays from Chinese grew 280% between 2005 and 2012. Last year, around 700,000 travellers from China visited Switzerland. Out of 100,000 Chinese overnights in 5-star hotels, 40,000 were made in one of the 38 Swiss Deluxe Hotels.



Consul General Mr Heinrich Schellenberg (right) and Swiss Deluxe Hotels representatives Mr Jan E. Brucker, President (middle), together with Mr Siro Barino, Managing Director (left)



Hotels represented during the promotion tour:

Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, Hotel Guarda Golf, Beau Rivage Geneva, Gstaad Palace, Beau Rivage Palace, Lausanne Palace & Spa, Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Kulm Hotel St. Moritz, Widder Hotel Zurich, Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois, Hotel Schweizerhof Bern, Le Crans Hotel & Spa, Mont Cervin Palace, Grand Hotel Zermatterhof, Victoria Jungfrau-Collection, Park Weggis, Grand Hotel Park, Gstaad



Mr Juerg Christen, Managing Director Greater China of Lufthansa/Swiss International Air Lines handing over the 1st prize to the lucky winner: two business class tickets from SWISS Airlines, an 8-day Swiss Pass from Switzerland Travel System and 8 nights' accommodation at Swiss Deluxe Hotels. The prize is operated by Switzerland Tourism.

For further information please refer to the following website:

www.MySwitzerland.com

Switzerland. get natural.

by Batiste Pilet

Cultural Event

Swiss Ladies Cocktail

For the 4th time already, the spouse of Consul General of Switzerland, Mrs Grisel Sandoval Schellenberg, invited all Swiss ladies living in the consular district to a Swiss ladies event at their residence in Shanghai. On Thursday, 20th June 2013 at 19h00, an impressive number of 50 ladies gathered together for an evening among themselves. After having warmly welcomed the newcomers to China, Mrs Sandoval Schellenberg introduced the speaker of the evening. Mrs Xi Zhang is a young architect and made her master at the ETH Zurich. She is the co-founder of EXH architecture since 2006 and, with two kinds of education and across culture background, she gave us an entertaining lecture and insight into some of her many architectural projects. Mrs Xi Zhang has her own fashion brand since 2010 and designs innovative bags and accessories by herself.



When the waiters started to pass around with cocktail plates, the air was soon filled with chitchat and laughter. It was a lovely evening and the reception finished far too soon for many of the guests. The next Swiss ladies event will take place in November this year, this time as a brunch.



by Tanya Schneiter

News from the Chancery

Important notice: Passports from 2003 expire this year

Remember to renew your Swiss passport early at the Consulate General where you are registered. Once you have submitted your passport application, you can book an appointment to record your biometric data with us in Shanghai or at a passport office in Switzerland.

Please note: Embassies, consulates general and the passport offices in Switzerland have already recorded a sharp rise in passport applications – up to 40% more applications than usual in some cases – with longer waiting times. As your Swiss representation here in Shanghai, we will be happy to inform you about the procedure and the estimated amount of time that you should allow for the issuing of a new passport.



For further information please refer to www.schweizerpass.ch

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Safe travel abroad: new Smartphone app

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) has launched a Smartphone app and a [Helpline flyer](#) for safe travel abroad. With the free “itineris” app, travellers now have Smartphone access to travel advice from the FDFA. You can also directly register to the “itineris” internet registration platform and, in the event of an emergency, contact the FDFA Helpline. Please find hereunder the links to the app and other useful information for your next travel:

- [itineris app for Apple-Store](#)
- [itineris app for Android](#)
- [Travel advice on Twitter: travel_EDA-DFAE \(de, fr\)](#)

For further information please refer to the following websites:

- [itineris](#)
- [Travel advice \(de, fr, it\)](#)
- [Helpline](#)
- [Order Travel checklist \(art.201.201\)](#)

Our new employees at the Consulate

Mrs Tanya Schneiter, Assistant to the Consul General

Mrs Tanya Schneiter was born in London and grew up in Münchenbuchsee close to Berne. After accomplishment of the Wirtschaftsmittelschule (WMB), she worked abroad in Paris, London and Montreal as a commercial assistant for more than six years. Having been a Flight Attendant for Crossair and Swissair from 1992-1995, she still has a strong passion for travelling, combining scuba diving and golf at the same time. To visit new countries, meet local people and taste regional food – with a weakness for Asia - has always been what she likes most. You will also find her reading a good book or playing a “Schieber” with friends.

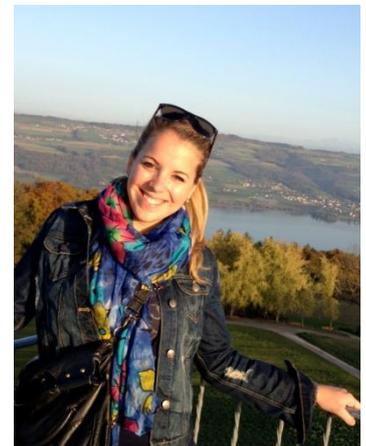
Mrs Tanya Schneiter came to Shanghai in 2012 and joined the Consulate in May this year as Assistant to the Consul General. She held similar positions in Switzerland for international companies in the financial and machine industry.



Mrs Melanie Eichenberger, Consular Trainee

Mrs Melanie Eichenberger grew up together with her two older brothers and her parents in the Swiss canton of Aargau. She made a commercial apprenticeship at the district court, where she worked during the last ten years. Due to her interest in languages, she spent a few months in Australia, France and Malta to learn English and French. In 2012 Mrs Eichenberger made her Bachelor Degree in Translation and Multilingual Communications at the University of Applied Science (ZHAW) in Winterthur. In her spare time she enjoys doing sport, meeting friends or going to the movies. She loves travelling and taking pictures of people, places and landscapes.

Mrs Melanie Eichenberger joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 2013 and started her 1-year-training as a Consular Trainee in June 2013. She is looking forward to working in various sections at the Consulate.



Weddings

Congratulations to the newlyweds!



Zhili WANG & Sandro BATTAGLIA

got married on 14th March 2013 in Hebei.



Dan WU & Reto BUERGLER

got married on 6th April 2013 in Jiujiang / Jiangxi.



Priscilla XU & Nicola MELILLO

got married on 1st June 2013 in Suzhou.

Births

Congratulations to the proud parents!



Louis HOU

was born on 18th February 2013 in Shanghai.

The happy parents are Ting YANG & Siu Lim HOU.



Matthias MAUROUX

was born on 6th March 2013 in Shanghai.

The happy parents are Deicy TAUTIVA MAUROUX & Ivan MAUROUX.



Sarah IRNIGER

was born on 19th April 2013 in Shanghai.

The happy parents are Gabriele Benz IRNIGER and Philipp IRNIGER.



Elisa IMFELD

was born on 30th April 2013 in Shanghai.

The happy parents are Yimiao IMFELD and Markus IMFELD.



Lavinia ENSSLIN

was born on 16th May 2013 in Changzhou/Jiangsu.

The happy parents are Lai JIANG & Emiliano ENSSLIN.



Ronald (Ronnie) WIDMER

was born on 22nd June 2013 in Shanghai.

The happy parents are Iris CHEN and Kilian WIDMER.

Your article in the next Grüezi Shanghai!

You are welcome to propose events, news or information, that are of interest and relevance to the Swiss community, for the next Grüezi Shanghai.

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