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China Construction Bank is the first Platinum Partner of the Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce

The Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (SCCC) is very pleased to welcome the China Construction Bank (CCB) as its first Platinum Partner. The CCB, one of the world's largest banks, will actively support the SCCC in deepening the economic relations between Switzerland and China as part of this cooperation.

The China Construction Bank is the first Platinum Partner of the Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The aim of this partnership is to jointly promote the implementation of the SCCC's new strategy. This new strategy of SCCC addresses the importance of China as the world's second biggest economy and the significant increase of Chinese companies and their activities in Switzerland.

David Gong, General Manager of the China Construction Bank Switzerland, explains: «As the only Renminbi clearing bank in Switzerland, the CCB is in an optimal position to strengthen and develop the role of the Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce as a thought leader and first point of contact for economic relations between Switzerland and China.» The CCB is looking forward to a long-term and productive collaboration with the SCCC.

Felix Sutter, President of the SCCC, adds: «The Chamber of Commerce and the China Construction Bank of Switzerland already have defined the first joint projects. Swiss companies that are active in China's growth market or are planning business activities in China will be able to directly benefit from these projects.» Sutter is very pleased to have found a highly professional and constructive partner in the CCB for further strengthening the SCCC.

The signing of the cooperation agreement took place on November 10th, 2016, in Zurich. In addition to David Gong and Felix Sutter, it was witnessed by Arianit Buzhala, Deputy Head of Treasury of the CCB, and Marcel Schmid, Vice President of the SCCC.

The **Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (SCCC)** is a network actively contributing to the Sino-Swiss economic relations and generating business opportunities for Swiss and Chinese entrepreneurs.

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The **China Construction Bank (CCB)** is the second largest bank in the People's Republic of China and one of the largest banks in the world. It has subsidiaries in the major financial centers worldwide and serves as a global Renminbi hub.

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The Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (SCCC) is a facilitator of sustainable economic relationships between Switzerland and the People's Republic of China. The Chamber helps to establish and develop successful business interactions between Swiss and Chinese companies. ☒

The Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce maintains close ties with Swiss and Chinese authorities, with economic associations and companies and with the media. It acts as an intermediary when difficulties arise and provides insight into all aspects of Swiss-Chinese economic relations. It issues reports and assessments on the subjects of trade and economic policy. The SCCC does not comment on political topics.

The Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce is present in all parts of Switzerland. It is the point of contact and the networking platform for Swiss and Chinese individuals and companies. It promotes communication among its members by organizing regular events and by making use of digital communication platforms. The SCCC is an association under Swiss law and finances itself primarily through membership dues.