

"SWISS COMMUNITY LIFE IN TAIWAN"

(January 2015)



Switzerland.



Welcome message from the new Director

Grüezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Allegra, Good Day

Having arrived a couple of weeks ago, I am deeply impressed by the dynamics of the city of Taipei. I look forward to serving in this vibrant context and to contributing my share to the further development of the relations between Switzerland and Taiwan.



A few words about me: I'm originally from Lucerne and have two grown-up daughters living in Switzerland. I joined the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1985 and completed assignments in France, Malaysia, Brazil, Switzerland, USA, Singapore. My last two postings as Consul General were in Barcelona, Spain, and Bangalore, India. Besides discovering new countries and cultures, I like out-door activities such as skiing, hiking, running or touring on a motorbike.

Together with my motivated and experienced team we strive to exceed the expectations from all our clients and partners. I'm thrilled to connect and interact with the Swiss community in Taiwan and the Taiwanese public, representatives from the business and science world, students, scholars, artists, athletes and civil society alike.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely
Rolf Frei

SWISS-RELATED EVENTS

"Swiss Aperó"

(a casual get-together on the last working day of the month)

on Friday, 30 January 2015, 18:30 hours

at Capone's / 卡邦義式餐廳

No. 312, Chung Hsiao East Road, Sec. 4, Taipei

台北市忠孝東路4段312號

(at exit No. 2 of MRT Station "Sun-Yat Sen Memorial Hall" / 捷運國父紀念館站2號出口)

Please note that the February event of "Swiss Aperó" will be on Friday, 27 February, the one of March will be on Tuesday, 31 March.

Upcoming and current Events:

15 November 2014- 12 April 2015

"Get Rhythm with Paul Klee" - Interactive Exhibit and Workshop Series at Taipei Fine Arts Museum (TFAM); *The Children's Art Education Center of TFAM, along with Kindermuseum Creaviva at the Zentrum Paul Klee in Bern (Switzerland), introduces the interactive exhibit and workshop series "Get Rhythm with Paul Klee." Through hands-on involvement in a series of interactive installations, young visitors will explore the creative elements in the art of Paul Klee and use their imaginations to their hearts' content.*

3-8 March 2015

Taipei International Machine Tool Fair (TIMTOS)

Swiss pavilion (105 booths), Nankang Exhibition Hall

14/15 March 2015

Swiss Hospitality Management School Fair (SHMSF)

In Taichung and Taipei

26 March 2015

"Swiss Music Night"

Classical concerts: 24 March in Hsinchu; 26 March at National Concert Hall Taipei; 27 March in Kaohsiung

28 March 2015

Swiss Boarding School Parents' Orientation in Taipei

April – June 2015

Royal Art Exhibition of Liechtenstein

At National Palace Museum, organized by LGT. Further details will follow.

TOSI Publications

You may wish to order from TOSI (as long as stock lasts):

2015 Swiss Wall Calendar Images with Taiwan features

The Swiss wall calendar for 2015, the 4th of its kind, will showcase paintings about Switzerland made by Taiwanese primary school students. The paintings originate from the "Primary Students' Drawing Competition" under the theme "How I see Switzerland."

"Swiss Products & Services in Taiwan"

11th edition; in Chinese

The "Swiss Products & Services Guide for Taiwan" enjoys a high popularity among readers in Taiwan interested in economic and trade information about Switzerland and business between Switzerland and Taiwan. The content of the brochure comprises information on: Switzerland and its economy; Introduction of various industries & services sectors; Trade between Switzerland and Taiwan; Exhibitions in Switzerland, tips for travels in Switzerland as well as useful websites, etc.

Various

Useful links:

"Schweizer Revue" – "Revue Suisse" – Swiss Review" – "Panorama Suizo" for download. Please consult the website: www.revue.ch

"Study in Taiwan": <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/> "Learning Chinese in Taiwan":

http://www.studyintaiwan.org/learning_why_chinese.html

<http://english.moe.gov.tw/ct.asp?xitem=14462&CtNode=11424&mp=1>

Closing dates of the Trade Office of Swiss Industries TOSI in 2015

For the closing dates next year of our office please consult our website at:

www.swiss.org.tw

For consular matters you are kindly requested to set up in advance by phone/email an appointment with our consular department. Call 02/2720 1001, ext. 17 or email to: tai.vertretung@eda.admin.ch.

Consular Affairs

With the summer holidays coming soon, we would like to remind you to **check the validity of your passport**. In case you need to make or remake one, please remember to start the procedure **well in advance** on the following website:

<http://www.schweizerpass.admin.ch/pass/de/home.html>.

Also, we kindly request you to inform us of the application by sending us an email.

The little change brought to your favorite Newsletter

This edition is the last one of a monthly community publication. From now on, we will inform you **every three months** on Swiss-related events happening in Taiwan. The TOSI office's warmest thanks go to all of you who have been following and supporting us all these years. We will do our best to continue serving you as good as possible.

NEW – Switzerland Alumni Network

The Swiss Association of Taiwan in collaboration with TOSI is building a "Switzerland Alumni Network" in Taiwan. It is a **platform to gather all the people who graduated from a Swiss university and are currently living in Taiwan**. If you are interested in joining the network, please contact us **by the 31st of January 2015**, and **give us your contact information, the year and the name of the University you graduated from**. We will then contact you for the first event which is coming soon.

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