



### **“Swiss Apero” organized by the Swiss Association of Taiwan**

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

on Thursday, 30 April 2015, 18:30 hours at Sowieso

5, Ln 88, Siwei Rd, Da’an, Taipei  
台北市四維路 88 巷 5 號

Please note that the May event of “Swiss Apero” will be on Friday, 29 May, the one of June will be on Tuesday, 30 June, the one of July will be on Friday, 31 July. The location is not decided yet. Further notice will follow by email.

### **Television’s Heavenkid program**

The Heavenkid program is looking for Swiss children aged 1-6 years old to sing a Taiwanese song in Chinese. The participation will then be published on Youtube. All the information can be found on this website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuM0ok2hxwM&feature=youtu.be>

Deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> May and not 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as mentioned in the video.

### **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 processed application by sending us an email.

### **Federal vote**

The next Federal vote will be held on the 14th June 2015.

You can find more information about this topic on this webpage:

<http://www.bk.admin.ch/themen/pore/va/20150614/index.html?lang=de> (at the top you may switch between the different national languages)

### **The Science Newsletter**

The Trade Office of Swiss Industries participates in the publication of an Asian / Oceanian monthly science newsletter gathering all the science / technology / education related news from Taiwan. You can subscribe to the newsletter on the following website:

<http://www.stofficetokyo.ch/japan-news/newsletter/>.

### **Switzerland Alumni Network**

On March 12, the first edition of the Swiss Alumni Network was held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel’s M.O. Bar in Taipei. The event has been organized by TOSI in collaboration with Alumni UZH Taipei and Swissnex China. The purpose was to put the spotlight on Swiss schooling and to give the alumni a platform to network and meet other alumni. **Nearly 100 graduates from Swiss universities, hotel schools, business schools and boarding schools participated to this first edition.**

This event was a great success and the organization committee is looking forward to preparing the next event for this newly created network. **If you are a Swiss graduate from a Swiss university (including Fachhochschule), hotel school, business school or boarding school and are interested in joining the network, please do not hesitate to contact TOSI to register and be informed of the next events.**

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### **Various**

#### **Useful links:**

“Schweizer Revue” – “Revue Suisse” – **Swiss Review**” – “Panorama Suizo” for download. Please consult the website: [www.revue.ch](http://www.revue.ch)

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

[http://www.studyintaiwan.org/learning\\_why\\_chinese.html](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 of our office in the current year please consult our website at:

<http://www.swiss.org.tw/Feiertage%20TOSI%202015.pdf>

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 or email to: [tai.vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:tai.vertretung@eda.admin.ch).



## **Past Swiss/Liechtenstein Related Activities January – April 2015**

### **NTSO Chamber Music Night, Pi-Chin Chien, cello: “Ladies’ Night”**

On 28th January the chamber orchestra of Taichung with Mrs. Pi-Chin Chien has played romantic music pieces from Debussy, Saint-Saëns but also from her Swiss husband and composer, Mr. Fabian Müller.



### **Taipei International Machine Tool Fair (TIMTOS)**

At the beginning of March the TIMTOS has taken place at TWTC Taipei World Trade Center, Nangang Exhibition Hall, Taipei. Numerous Swiss companies participated at this important event renting over 100 booths for this Swiss pavilion.



### **Swiss Alumni Networking Event, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March nearly 100 alumni who graduated from 27 Swiss Universities, Business schools, Hotel schools and Boarding schools gathered at the Mandarin Oriental’s M.O. Bar in Taipei.





### Swiss Hospitality Management School Fair (SHMSF) & Swiss Boarding School Parents' Orientation in Taipei

In March 2015 Swiss School events have taken place in Taichung and in Taipei. Hundreds of interested families visited the booths of numerous Swiss school representatives.



### Semaine de la francophonie 2015,

Also in March 2015 took place the 13<sup>th</sup> Francophonie week in Taiwan. Numerous cultural events were displayed during one week in various locations of Taipei and Kaohsiung.



### “Swiss Music Night” concerts:

At the end of March, two classical concerts were given, one in Taipei and one in Kaohsiung. Among other songs, the musicians played one composed by the Swiss Fabian Müller, as well as a song composed by the famous Taiwanese composer Hwang-Long Pan.





### Decibells concert in Keelung,

Mr. Kutterer, drummer, from the Symphony Orchestra Basel, led his own percussion group, Decibells, to Taiwan in April and performed together with the Taipei Symphony Orchestra.



### Pascal Couchepin & Renaud Vuignier, Assistant

The former Swiss President, Mr. Pascal Couchepin, and his assistant, Mr. Vuignier, have paid a visit to Taiwan. Besides visiting technological enterprises, Mr. Couchepin received an award “Honoris Causa” in law by the Fu Jen Catholic University. They also have been invited at President Ma’s office.



On the picture, Mr. Couchepin and Mr. Ma in the middle (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position from the left), Mr. Frei on the right of Mr. Couchepin and Mr. Vuignier on the top-left of the picture.

### Swiss Violist Nicolas Corti Concert,

In the middle of April, the Swiss violist Nicolas Corti, from Zurich, gave a concert in Taipei with the violist Xiao Bürgi-Ma and the pianist Jung Hu. Composers as Chopin, Kelterborn, Brahms and Kreisler were played.





### Opening and Exhibition Crown of the Alps: Masterworks

The princely family of Liechtenstein, namely Prince Adam, Prince Philippe and Princess Marie have been at the opening ceremony of the exhibition “Crown of the Alps” at the National Palace Museum, Taipei. The Collections of the Prince of Liechtenstein are displayed at the Gallery: Exhibition Area II 1F, Library Building, until the end of August 2015.



### LGT YOUNG SOLOISTS concert.

Following the visit of the princely family of Liechtenstein, these young talented musicians gave a classical music concert at the Eslite Performance Hall of Taipei on 17 April 2015.



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1<sup>st</sup> Trimester 2015



## Upcoming and current Events in 2015 (as per 27 April 2015)

17 April – **Royal Art Exhibition of Liechtenstein At National Palace Museum, Taipei**  
31 August <http://www.npm.gov.tw/en/Article.aspx?sNo=04006190>

6-9  
November **Taipei International Travel Fair (ITF)**  
Swiss information booth  
a TWTC Taipei World Trade Center

