

Promotion Event for China International Import Expo Invitation Letter

Dear friends,

The Chinese economy is developing steadily with a medium-high speed of growth. In the following five years, China is expecting to import goods and service worth more than ten trillion USD, which provides a historic opportunity for enterprises to enter the huge Chinese market.

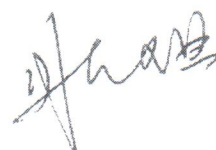
In May 2017, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced at the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing that China will host **China International Import Exposition (CIIE)** starting from 2018. The first CIIE will be held in **Shanghai** during **November 5th to 10th, 2018**. It represents an important move of China to open its market and promote trade, while also serving as a platform for international cooperation for all countries to showcase their development achievements and discuss global economic and trade issues. The Minister of Commerce of China, Mr. Zhong Shan has already sent the invitation to the Federal Councillor, Mr. Johann Schneider-Ammann.

The first CIIE consists of three parts: Country Pavilion for Trade and Investment, Enterprise and Business Fair as well as International Trade Forum. The Enterprise and Business Fair will cover the following business sectors:

1. Trade in goods: High-end intelligent equipment; Consumer electronics & appliances; Automobile; Apparel, accessories & consumer goods; Food & Agricultural products; Medical Equipment & Medical care products.
2. Trade in services: Tourism services; Emerging technologies; Culture & education; Creative design; Service outsourcing.

Please contact the Expo bureau directly before June 30th 2018, if you want to join the exposition. Those who register by January 31th 2018 will enjoy a discount of 20%.

I sincerely invite you to participate in CIIE as exhibitor, and warmly expect you to join our **Promotion Event on January 15th 2018, from 14:30 to 17:30 in Bern, Hotel Schweizerhof** to get a more comprehensive understanding of the CIIE. For registration, please contact the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of our embassy. Tel: 0041 31 5550239-891. Email: ch@mofcom.gov.cn.



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Date	Monday, January 15th 2018
Place	Salon Trianon, Hotel Schweizerhof, Bahnhofplatz 11, 3001 Bern
Language	English; English translation for speeches in Chinese
Agenda	
14:00-14:30	Arrival and registration
14:30-15:00	Opening remarks Mr. Wenbing Geng, Ambassador of the P.R.China to Switzerland A representative from the Swiss government (tbc) A representative from the Swiss economy (tbc)
15:00-15:30	Presentation about the China International Import Exposition Mr. Fangcai Cai, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy
15:30-16:00	Presentations of the Chinese companies about their products Air China Zurich Office China Construction Bank Zurich Branch
16:00-16:30	Panel: Opportunities and experiences in the Chinese market About four Swiss entrepreneurs, from both MNC and SME (tbc)
16:30-17:30	Cocktail party with apéro