

2nd Swiss Chinese (Asian) Career Symposium 2017 makes you look with optimism to the future of Sino-Swiss Human Resources relations

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On Friday, November 10, 2017, the 2nd Swiss Chinese (Asian) Career Symposium took place in Basel. The event was targeted at students and graduates with Chinese language skills and ambitions to work for a company operating in Asia. This was the second time the event was organised and it is planned to continue with an annual edition. Not only students from the German part of Switzerland participated, but also many students from the French part.

In the early days, vacuum pumps and compressors were built in the event location in Basel's Gundeldingerfeld. Now it is transformed into an ideal place for such a meeting platform, indicating that the industrial world is in a rapid change. Topics such as bio-medical research, bio-engineering and manufacturing as well as robotics were showing up in the company presentations in the morning. Representatives from 6 major Swiss companies that have long been focusing on locations all over the world addressed the audience. The presentations were to the point with good and relevant tips for the student applicants followed by a highly vivid Q&A session.



In the afternoon, the participants had the opportunity to get in touch with the companies at a table fair. Novartis, Schindler, Roche, Lonza, Ascensia and ABB as well as CEIBS with its Zurich Institute for Business Education, the Chinese Association for Science and Technology Switzerland (CASTS), the Confucius Institute, the Swiss Chinese Association and the Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce were represented with their own stand.

But it was not only the event itself, with the renowned companies and more than 100 participating students and graduates, which left a good impression. The organising committee consisting of the Swiss Chinese Association, CASTS and the Confucius Institute at the University of Basel have demonstrated the potential quality of events, when various players in the field of relations between Switzerland and China join forces.



And who knows, perhaps some more industrial partners, science parks and even financial institutions can be found for the 2018 edition, as the attending students not only have major degrees in science or engineering, but also in economics and finance. Possibly even state or provincial representations from the PR of China or other Asian countries can be gained to be present at next year's event.