



Dear members of the Swiss Chinese Chamber of Commerce (SCCC),

With the start of the New Year, the [new board](#) of the Geneva Chapter and I would like to wish you all a prosperous, healthy and fulfilling 2018.

This is the first edition of our Newsletter. We aim to keep you up to date with our regular activities, provide you with the latest insights and publications about the Sino-Swiss relations. We also strongly recommend that you spend some time to discover our new website (www.sccc.ch) and register to our activities whenever and wherever if you feel interested.

In 2018, many of us have resolutions that need to be turned into action. The Swiss Chinese Chamber of Commerce will host once again its renowned **Chinese New Year** celebration on **the 8th of March at 18:30 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Geneva** ([more info](#)). Pierre Maudet, State Councilor in charge of the department of Security and Economy, H.E Ambassador Dr. Zhang Xiangchen, Permanent Mission of the P.R.C to the WTO and Yves Flückiger, Rector of the University of Geneva will be joining us to celebrate the transition to the Chinese New Year.

Finally, we are pleased to share with you the China 2017 Economic Report produced by the Embassy of Switzerland in the People's Republic of China ([read here](#)).

We wish you a fruitful discovery of our activities and we look forward to welcoming you all to our Chinese New Year celebration.

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Yours Sincerely,

Christophe Weber
President of the Swiss Chinese Chamber of Commerce
(Geneva Chapter)

SCCC upcoming events



Mission économique en Chine – Séance de présentation

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 10:15-12:00

Venue: Espace Barton (Voyages Fert & Cie) – 7 rue Barton, Geneva

The delegation led by the State Councilor Pierre Maudet will travel to Shenzhen, Shanghai and Tianjin where the “WEF Annual Meeting of the New Champions” will be taking place. Following the previous mission in the USA, this trip will focus on innovation. Its goal is to get participants inspired by the tremendous technological and industrial development of China. The delegation will visit several companies, attend seminars and meet top-level economic players from 20th to 28th of June 2018.



Chinese New Year Reception 2018 - Geneva

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 18:30-21:00

Venue: Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Quai Turrettini 1, 1201 Geneva

With the exceptional presence of H.E Ambassador Dr. Zhang Xiangchen, Permanent Mission of the P.R.C to the WTO, Mr. Pierre Maudet, State Councilor in charge of the department of Security and Economy, and Mr. Yves Flückiger, Rector of the University of Geneva, we invite you to celebrate the Chinese New Year in a festive and typical Chinese atmosphere.

News China-Switzerland



[Switzerland, biggest recipient of the century for Chinese investments in Europe](#)

Europe boosted by OBOR initiative, while Chinese global outbound investments in 2017 fell down.
Source: Rhodium Group and Baker McKenzie, Chinese FDI Report, 18 January 2018



[OBOR, Opportunity and Risk](#)

An analysis that helps you to better understand the belt and road projects and how to catch opportunities and mitigate risks related to the new silk road.

Source: Baker McKenzie, Belt and Road, Opportunity and Risk, October 2017



[Opening up China's Financial Sector](#)

China is relaxing foreign ownership on its financial sector, but what does it mean? See the analysis from KPMG.

Source: KPMG, Opening up China's Financial Sector, 20 December 2017



[China 13th five-year plan](#)

KPMG explains the changes involved with the 13th five-year plan and the risk and opportunity for Chinese and foreign businesses.

Source: KPMG, The 13th five-year plan - China's transformation and integration with the world economy, October 2016



[Deal announcement](#)

Shanghai based Cedarlake Private Equity acquired controlling stake in the Swiss based BMF Group AG, a world's leading ropeway manufacturer headquartered in Switzerland. Sellers were assisted by, among others, our Board member Jingjin Guo.

Source: Prnewswire, press release, November 2017

Focus article

[China 2017 Final Economic Report by the Embassy of Switzerland in the People's Republic of China](#)

This final economic report for the year 2017 produced by the Embassy of Switzerland in the People's Republic of China brings an economic overview and a detailed review of the international and regional economic agreements. It also summarizes foreign trade and investments between both countries.

Proverb of the month

花有重开日，人无再少年 - huā yǒu chóng kāi rì, rén wú zài shào nián

Flowers may bloom again, but a person never has the chance to be young again. So don't waste your time.

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