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In January 1950, Switzerland was one of the first Western countries to recognize the People's Republic of China. Today, China is Switzerland's 3rd largest economic partner and I am proud to witness the quality of Sino-Swiss relations, which are embodied in bilateral initiatives benefiting both nations.

The dynamism of the bilateral relations between Switzerland and China is not only the outcome of a pragmatic and visionary decision of the Swiss government 66 years ago; it is primarily the result of numerous private initiatives from Swiss and Chinese individuals and companies. The Swiss company Integrate Chinese Life Ltd. (ICL) belongs to them!

Integrate Chinese Life Ltd. is a fast-growing company offering solutions for young and ambitious individuals. Launched by two Swiss entrepreneurs, ICL aims at facilitating exchange between our two countries in organizing productive experiences for aspirational young leaders wanting to experience China and explore its opportunities.

The ICL CUP, a competition open to all apprentices and students in Switzerland, was launched at the end of 2015. 257 students from more than 50 Swiss universities and technical training school participated to the competition. The 4 winners were awarded 2-month internships in leading institutions in China.

The Embassy is pleased to extend its full support to ICL competition project. I personally wish full success to the 2016 edition which will once more contribute to the increase of mutual understanding between our two countries. It is my sincere hope that the organizers will receive full support from Swiss and Chinese companies and institutions for this project dedicated to young professionals and the future leaders of our two countries!

Yours sincerely,

The Ambassador of Switzerland

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