

# Celebrating 50 Years Our Jubilee Opening Event

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On the evening of 2 May 2017, exactly fifty years after the Swiss School in Singapore (SSiS) opened, the School initiated fifty days of celebrations to commemorate the jubilee, the School and its community of supporters.

## AN EMOTIONAL AND ENTERTAINING EVENING

Clearly, going by the response of our community, SSiS is truly cherished by many who have worked here, studied here or who have supported the School in one way or another.

Registration for the event took place under our beloved tree in the courtyard. Many guests took a moment to write congratulatory wishes on posters taped around the tree's trunk. Guests then proceeded to our '50 People in 50 Years' photo exhibition and enjoyed a welcome drink sponsored by the Embassy of Switzerland. The evening's programme included a diverse collection of guests, several of whom traveled from afar to join us: Our Master of Ceremonies, Jonathan Carter (Head of Admissions at our partner school, United World College of Southeast Asia), led us with energy and wit through the evening. Former and current students provided

entertainment in the form of music and theatre. True to tradition, we closed the event with our touching school song.

## FOOD, GLORIOUS SWISS FOOD!

The Swiss Club added to the 'Swissness' of the event of course and provided professional catering services to the 300 guests. The raclette stations certainly created feelings of nostalgia for many guests.

## WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH...

A simple 'thank you' cannot convey our gratitude for all who made the event happen. We would like to thank the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes, starting well over a year ago, generously donating their time and energy to create a memorable evening for all. Lastly, we also wish to recognise and thank again our corporate sponsors who helped monetarily or otherwise to make our 50th Anniversary a success for the school and the Swiss community.

## WHAT THE GUESTS SAID...

*"50-Jahre SSiS wurde mit einem schönen, vielseitigen und bestens organisierten Fest gefeiert. Die Anwesenheit der zahlreichen Gäste aus Singapur und der Schweiz und insbesondere der ersten Lehrerin und einigen Schülern der allerersten Klasse machte diesen Anlass zu einem speziellen Event. Herzlichen Dank!"*

**Barbara Sulzer Smith**  
CEO, educationsuisse

*"I was really impressed by how the GESS sports hall was transformed beyond recognition for the event. [...] Well done to the Organizing Committee! The turnout was impressive: we met former teachers from decades ago ... This shows just how SSiS has connected so many people across time and geographical divide."*

**May Cotting**  
Parent

*"Une soirée à l'image de notre école: chaleureuse, conviviale et à l'échelle humaine. Je garde un souvenir vibrant des portraits de ces hommes et de ces femmes, dont l'engagement a permis et permet encore à l'Ecole suisse de Singapour d'accueillir nos enfants dans un cadre et des conditions exceptionnels et de leur offrir la qualité d'enseignement que nous leur souhaitons."*

**Nadine Bagnoud Asté**  
Parent

*"[Wir] durften beim Steh-'Apéro' viele gelungene Präsentationen von Schulkindern und Lehrkräften geniessen und applaudieren; es war wirklich amüsant und lehrreich, wie unsere erste Lehrerin ihren Schulalltag beschrieb. Zum Besuch der Schule traf sich am [nächsten Tag] eine Gruppe ehemaliger Angehöriger der SSiS. Neue Verbindungen wurden geknüpft und alte aufgefrischt, [...]. Aber alles wurde durch die Freude und den Spass, mit welchen sich die Schulkinder am Unterricht an dieser besonderen Schule beteiligten, bei weitem überstrahlt."*

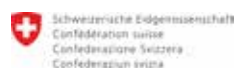
**Raymond Samter**  
Former Teacher



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