As Singapore and Switzerland mark 50 years of diplomatic relations this year, the Swiss School in Singapore too is celebrating its golden jubilee.

The Swiss School in Singapore has 130 staff and 1000 students. The school curriculum is designed to create well-rounded students who can adapt to the fast-paced world of the 21st century. The school's unique approach to learning involves a strong emphasis on the development of the whole child, including their social, emotional, and intellectual skills.

Swiss Institute helping with vocational education and training

The Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (SFIVET), the expert organisation for vocational education and training in Switzerland, supports local industries and enterprises by providing them with the training they need to remain competitive in the global market. SFIVET focuses on promoting the importance of vocational education and training, both within Switzerland and internationally. It offers various initiatives to support vocational training, including the Earn & Learn Programmes.

As part of its mission, SFIVET collaborates with the Singapore Polytechnic (NYP) to offer practical training opportunities to students. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice, ensuring that students are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the workforce.

Swiss Family

“Since Swiss School is a boutique school and very family oriented, it is a happy place and each child experiences each day as a new adventure into the world of learning. It is a place where children learn to become young adults with a background of Swiss values mixed with a multicultural influx.”

Rebecca Koch, former President of the Swiss School in Singapore

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“The Swiss School in Singapore has a multicultural influx,” says Rebecca Koch. “Many Swiss families find it important to expose their children to the local culture and environment, which is why the school curriculum includes aspects on how to help the little ones learn about the customs and culture of Singapore. This helps them gain a better understanding of the local community and prepares them for a globalized world.”

Swiss National Day 2017

On 1 July 2017, Switzerland celebrated Unity Day (1. Juli) and Swiss National Day (Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaftsfeier). The celebrations were held at the Swiss Club in Singapore, with a high proportion of Swiss students of about 80 per cent. The event was attended by Swiss and German-speaking families, as well as guests from Singapore.

The economy was also thriving. The Swiss companies showed a high proportion of Swiss students of about 60 per cent, which is supported by the fact that Singaporean children are not allowed to participate in a private school programme through their official school years.

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