

Programme
as at 12 March

Media Delegation from Japan
Visit to Switzerland, 11 to 17 March 2007

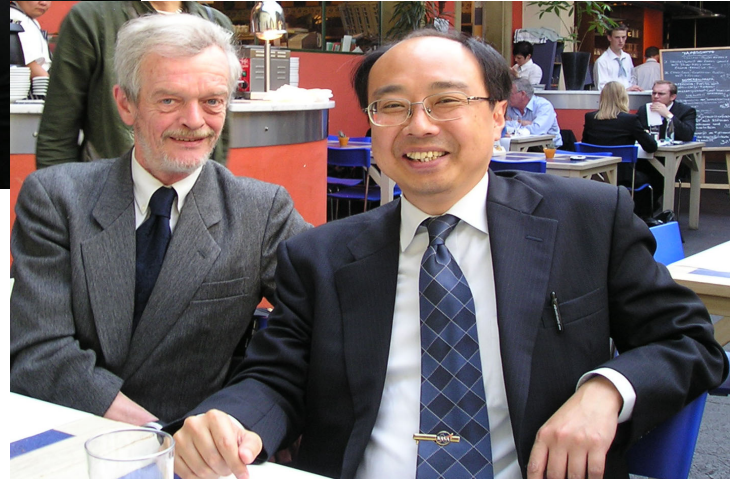
Wednesday, 14 March 2007

- 07:50 Meeting at the hotel lobby
- Followed by Transfer by tram, short walk
- 08:15-09:15 **Innovation in Switzerland**
<http://www.bbt.admin.ch/kti/index.html?lang=en>
Meeting with Mr Christoph Ebell, Deputy Head of Section International Cooperation at the Innovation Promotion Agency CTI
- 09:30 Short walk
- 10:00-11:30 **Meeting with Federal Councillor Mr Pascal Couchepin,**
Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA
<http://www.edi.admin.ch/org/00339/00340/index.html?lang=en>
Venue: Inselgasse 1, Reception
- 11:45 Short walk
- 12:00-13:45 **Lunch at Restaurant Mille Sens**
Markthalle, Bubenbergplatz 9, Tel. 031 329 29 29
Guests:
 - Mr Massimo Baggi, Head of Division Asia / Oceania, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
 - Mr Dario Coltorti, Business Developer AntOptima SA
 - Mr Christoph Ebell, Deputy Head of Section International Cooperation at the Innovation Promotion Agency CTI
 - Dr. Carlo Lepori, Vice-President AntOptima SA and Co-Director of the Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence IDSIA
 - Ms Bettina Rutschi, Project Manager Japan, Location Switzerland
 - Ms Siri Walt, Desk Officer Japan, Political Affairs Division II / Asia, DFA
 - *Further guests to be announced*
- 13:45 Short walk
- 14:00-15:30 **Presentation by AntOptima SA**
www.antoptima.com / www.idsia.ch
AntOptima is a Swiss company based in Lugano which develops innovative optimisation methodologies to increase the efficiency of productive and logistic processes. AntOptima is a spin off company of the Swiss Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence IDSIA and was nominated for the Swiss Technology Award 2007.
Meeting with Dr. Carlo Lepori, Vice-President and Mr Dario Coltorti, Business Developer, Tel. +41 41 781 39 35, e-mail: dario.coltorti@antoptima.ch
Venue: Bernerhof (Eidg. Finanzdepartement), Bundesgasse 3, Salon 2
- 15:45-16:30 **Bilateral Economic Relations between Switzerland and Japan**
www.seco.admin.ch
Meeting with Mr Massimo Baggi, Head of Division Asia / Oceania, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs

Some impressions:



Talk between...
Ms Hiromi ITO, Eizo Shimbun (left)
Dr. Carlo LEPORI, AntOptima SA (left)
Mr Daniel ZEHNDER, Secretary of Swiss
Parliamentarians, Delegation of European
Council.
Ms Bettina RUTSCHI, Project Manager
Japan, Location Switzerland



Mr Seiji HASEGAWA, The Yomiuri Shimbun
(Daily newspaper with the largest circulation
worldwide: 10'033'271)
Mr Jean-François GUERRY, Interpreter (left)



During the meeting and presentation of AntOptima SA at the
Federal Department of Finance in Berne...



Japanese Delegation
with guests at lunch
at Restaurant
Mille Sens

