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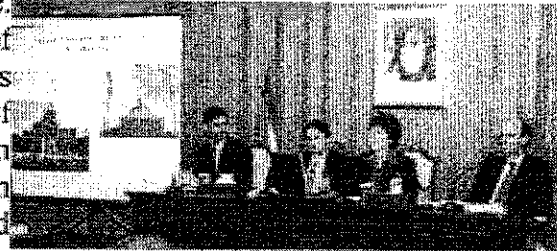
Scientific Researches in Switzerland

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ABU DHABI-The Center of Information Affairs has organized a symposium on "Scientific Researches in Switzerland" on Thursday 24 January 2008. The event involved the participation of a Swiss scientific delegation and was attended by a considerable number of specialists in the field of knowledge and education.

In a speech delivered by H.E. Wolfgang Amadeus Bruehlhart, Ambassador of Switzerland to the UAE, he praised the educational progress witnessed in the UAE which made a quantum leap in the provision of best levels of science and knowledge.

This priority tops its program for promotion of education and scientific research to face the challenges of globalization. He pointed out to the necessity of activating the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2003 by the UAE and Switzerland to establish a firm foundation for common scientific cooperation. He said that the Swiss government seeks to establish Swiss schools in the UAE and it intensify its efforts to market its educational experience in this region to attract Arab students.



Dr. Kathy Riklin, a member in the Swiss Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, stated that the Swiss universities and polytechnic colleges are looking forward to further cooperation with the UAE, stressing that the UAE is heading to achieve its essential goals toward consolidating the role of scientific research in service of its society. She clarified also that the number of Arab students in the Swiss universities is low due to lack of communication. She affirmed that Switzerland is working actively to activate the scientific cooperation with states worldwide including the prestigious scientific centres. She then talked about the research and modernization policy in the Swiss educational sector for the future.



In his speech, Christophe Xavier Clivaz, in charge with private education in Switzerland said that the cultural diversity in his country made its institutions truly unique. Students do not learn basic academics in their classrooms only, rather everyone will get first hand experience as young ambassadors and diplomats, meeting with people of different ethnic, linguistic, religious, family and cultural backgrounds. At this time, Switzerland continues to offer a first class education throughout both its pre and post university studies to become the leader in scientific research within a framework of firmness and discipline with a focus on personal as well as academic development, which are the foundations of educational tradition, still practised today, clarifying that his country has developed unique abilities in the industry of precision mechanics, agriculture, banking and education