

2017 Austrian Alumni Event in Shanghai

On December 9th, the Austrian Center Shanghai hosted the Austrian Alumni Christmas Event at Intercontinental Shanghai Expo Hotel. Mrs Alexandra Wagner, the head of the Austrian Center Shanghai and vice consul of Austrian Consulate General Shanghai, presided over this event.



Office manager Fu Xiaoyan (middle) at the registration table.

Before the event, Mrs Wagner and Ms Fu utilized different sources to contact alumni and sent multiple reminders after alumni signed up. Through these efforts, they managed to have over 80% of alumni who signed up for the party to actually attend.







Chats along with Glühwein

At the beginning, Mrs Brigitte Seyrlehner, the Austrian Consul General in Shanghai gave a warm welcome to all attendees. Following the welcoming speech, our sponsors who helped to make this event happen, the Science and Technology Section of the Austrian Embassy Beijing (OSTA), Advantage Austria, Eurasia Pacific Uninet (EPU), TU Graz, FACC, and Primetals Technologies, made presentations respectively. Subsequently, a participant of European Forum Alpbach (EFA) shared her experience in Austria and thoughts of global exchanges, on behalf of young alumni.



Austrian Consul General in Shanghai, Mrs Brigitte Seyrlehner was delivering the welcoming speech.



After the presentations, we conducted an interactive lucky draw for a free Vienna-Shanghai round-trip air ticket provided by EPU. Alumni were required to answer questions such as “what would be the most important knowledge you took from your study in Austria” and “what kind of future alumni events or services will you be interested in” so as to be eligible for the lucky draw. The prize was won by a Fudan student, who was also an EFA alumnus.



Speaking about their experience in Austria based on the given questions to join the lucky draw



Picking the winner among those who raised hands to answer given questions



The lucky draw prize winner described Austria as “a magical country”.



Enjoying the Christmas-themed buffet

As the first official Austrian alumni event taking place in Shanghai, Austrian Alumni Christmas Party attracted over 80 guests from various fields, such as medicine, economics, law, ecology, and architecture. Many alumni have become established scholars and business leaders, and they appreciated the occasion to reunite with old friends and to recollect memories of Austria. Aside from strengthening existing bonds, alumni also had extensive opportunities to establish new connections during the event. A number of participants commented that they were looking forward to more similar alumni events in the future.



Merry Christmas!