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### DPS GURGAON: INDO-SWISS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

DPS Gurgaon has successfully culminated the maiden venture of the Swiss India Classroom Project with its Swiss partner school, KZU Bulach, Switzerland.

This year saw 21 Swiss students visit DPS Gurgaon from 17<sup>th</sup> November'18 to 24<sup>th</sup> November'18. They were escorted by their teachers Ms Corinne Elsener and Ms. Pamela Brunner. The visiting students were hosted by their Indian counterparts who will visit Switzerland early next year.

The Swiss students attended school, where their activities were interspersed with yoga, dance, music, art and sculpture classes. To give them an experience of regular school life at DPS Gurgaon, they attended classes and interacted with the students. As a part of the project work, groups of students presented their comparative analysis and research on various aspects such as festivals, tourism, gender roles etc. of the two countries. It was a great learning platform for all. The students also thoroughly enjoyed preparing an Indo-Swiss dessert. The Swiss students got the opportunity to witness a cultural programme showcasing the diverse culture of India presented by the students of Shiksha Kendra, the community outreach initiative of DPS Gurgaon, aiming towards social equality. The days spent at school were filled with fun activities and learning various life skills.

During their stay, the Swiss students along with their partners visited the cities of Jaipur and Agra, and the historic monuments in Delhi. They visited a Gurudwara on the occasion of Guru Purab, the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru. Staying with their host families they learnt about Indian food, culture and lifestyle. The guest students got a glimpse of Indian traditions and family celebrations which was indeed memorable.

As a culmination to the exchange, a cultural evening was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at DPS Gurgaon, which commenced with the Indian and Swiss anthems sung by the students of both countries. Principal Ms Aditi Misra, expressed joy on the success of the exchange. She thanked the teachers who initiated the exchange, and the parents for being extremely supportive. The wonderful times spent together were brought to light through heart-warming experiences shared by students from both countries, as well as the parents. Presentations capturing a kaleidoscope of events spoke volumes about the unforgettable moments spent together in India. The students walked the ramp showcasing the diverse cultures of both the countries through traditional attire and jewellery, sang a medley of popular songs, and presented dazzling performances of bollywood numbers. The Swiss students left India enamoured with the richness of its heritage, warm tradition, diverse cuisine, colourful markets, and much more. It was indeed an evening to remember, with strong bonds of everlasting friendship and a promise to meet again.

