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#### ON THE COVER:

The young ethnically Yi sister and brother jumped up and down across the layers of terraced fields. The uneven but dynamic scene was impressive.





## Concentrate efforts and set off on a new journey of reform

**F**rom 1978 to 2018, the forty years witnessed the Chinese people's persistent striving during China's Reform and Opening-up. Emancipating and developing social productive forces, improving overall national strength and further emancipating minds are the essence and the goals of China's Reform and Opening-up. Over the past 40 years, its achievements have benefited the lives of the Chinese people. The material and spiritual standards of the people have been greatly improved.

Dr. Wenzao Han, the founding general secretary of Amity Foundation once said on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the organization: "Created in the cause of reform and development, Amity endeavors to make small contribution to the course." Keeping pace with the time, Amity has been targeting the needs of the people in project research, design, implementation and evaluation. What's more, Amity pays great attention to government policies and plans, keep active and effective communication with the local government, combines projects with the actual needs of the people and the guidance of the local government which enables our work to be an effective component

of the macro “benefiting the people” program, as well as a positive force in development and reform.

During the years, Amity has

- ◎ supported 22,000 village doctors in nine provinces in western China to become health guardians of the villagers;
- ◎ helped more than 400,000 poor primary and secondary school students in ten provinces to obtain education with better quality;
- ◎ supported more than 40,000 orphans living in poor conditions in 17 provinces/autonomous regions;
- ◎ served thousands of elderly, providing them with an array of caring and nursing services;
- ◎ facilitated more than 700 grassroots social organizations in raising fund and promotion on major Internet platforms.

Over the past three decades, Amity has been responding to the call of the era with its flexible social positioning, in solid project management and in varied resource connection to enable more community organizations to develop in society.

What have satisfied us are that the village roads in our project area are open for traffic, that the water provision facilities are hygienic, that the medical rooms are spacious and equipped, that the output of our project fields is substantially improved, and that the rural primary schools no longer have “dangerous classrooms”.

What have pleased us are that children who once received supports from Amity programs have, when they grow up, become Amity’s volunteers, donors, and even practitioners in this sector; that some elderly who received help from Amity wants to contribute and serve as community volunteers; that women who participated in Amity women development programs are helping more women in families and communities; and that villagers of Woyun Village, where Amity’s post-earthquake reconstruction program was, spontaneously donate money to people in other areas stricken by natural disasters.

These changes, although not drastic, warm up more lives and souls. These changes light up hopes in the way ahead. These changes give Amity the courage to stay true to our mission.

In the new journey of China’s Reform and Opening-up, Amity looks forward to the future and will walk step by step with the country.

Ling Chunxiang  
General Secretary



## She “grows” in the village



△ Cao Chunye

Cao Chunye, an Achang ethnic minority lady, lives in Jiubao Town at North of Lianghe County, Yunnan Province. This is a small village where 98% of its population are the Achang ethnic minority group.

In the spring of 1999, Chunye got married and moved to the Banggai Village with her husband. This village is located in Mengyang Town where 98% of the population are Dai ethnic minority group. Later she found a job at Banggai wine factory. As she has a relatively high education background and always takes work seriously, Chunye was elected as the president of the wine factory in the first year of her work.

In 2003, Cao joined the local “Home of Women” established by the Women’s Federation. As an optimistic and energetic woman, she got involved actively in this organization. Site and fund were the biggest problems for this small organization. But she did not see them as obstacles. “We looked for a site ourselves, and chopped down trees to build a hut. In terms of fund, we raised money by helping villagers with field work.” Said Chunye excitedly. “I remember our first income was RMB3,000. We used it to buy a pot, with which we made money by leasing it out.”

However, earning fund purely by members is not a long-term solution because they also need to take care of their own family and work. Just in time, Integrated Community Development Program of Amity Foundation solved their dilemma. With support from Amity, Chunye established and operated the Women’s Association in Banggai Village. She, of course, became the first president of this association. “Thanks to Amity,” said Chunye. “We finally got funding to operate.”

Talking about Amity Banggai Village Women’s Association, Chunye is proud. “With the support from Amity, women in Banggai village have more opportunities to discuss and tackle problems for the village.” Chunye told us. “Let me give you an example. Before, we would clean the public area of our village only before important events. But our women representatives believed that a clean environment is good for all villagers and should be our daily work. After discussion, we divided the public areas of the village and shared daily cleaning tasks among households. Now, you see, how beautiful and clean our village is!”



△ Clean village environment



△ Cao Chunye is showing Dai ethnic embroidery made by villagers on Philanthropy Innovation Summit

In addition to the beautiful environment, Amity Women's Association regularly organizes activities and events. "Awareness raised, life improved, tradition inherited... this is today's Banggai Village!" Chunye said in confidence. "I am trying to copy our attempt in Banggai to other villages nearby. This is not easy and requires long-term contribution."

The development of Amity Banggai Village Women's Association represents the growth of its members' confidence and capacity. "We are sometimes frustrated.

We met misunderstanding and difficulties. But we never give up. And then we usually succeed." Willingness to express ideas, to take actions, to devote themselves and to take responsibilities are characters of women of Banggai Village.

In 2017, Cao Chunye was elected as a representative of 19th CPC National Congress. As a women leader in local village, and as a representative of CPC National Congress, she is taking more responsibilities and prepared to serve more people.



## From receiver to giver



△ Ahui (first from the left) and friends at “Our Childhood” Summer Camp

“We were in the same difficult situation as they are now. So we want to give them the opportunity to feel the love from the society.”

Ahui is from Qiannan, Guizhou Province. After graduation, she works for a well-known insurance company and is in charge of team management and training.

Back in 2012, though her family was in a bad financial status, she worked out excellent academic performances

and developed good moral characters. She was then admitted to the “University for Girls” program of Amity Foundation. Thanks to this precious opportunity, Ahui took part in activities and overcame challenges. During the process, she met many good teachers and friends. “Most importantly, I grew up to be a better self.” Ahui said.

As a volunteer, Ahui participated in Amity’s “Our Childhood” Summer Camp, providing support for orphans and children from poor families. As a



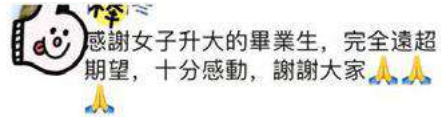
representative of “University for Girls” program, she got the opportunity to visit Hong Kong for exchange and service. These precious memories have been put into her soul, transformed inside her spirit, and eventually made Ahui a warm-hearted and energetic woman.

“Amity is so special to me. Amity gives me much more than financial support. It provides us with opportunities and platforms and gives us knowledge and spiritual treasure. So many kind people support me financially, visit me regularly and share their life experiences with me. We get the chance to learn from our models, show ourselves and broaden our horizons.” Said Ahui with thankfulness. Ahui told us, she has an album named “My the Other Family – Amity”. Smiles from Ahui herself and her Amity friends and all these priceless memories have been stored in Ahui’s private photo albums. She treasures her experiences with Amity.

“My childhood was difficult,” said Ahui. “I cannot change the background I was born with, but I can change my future by hard work. We are not persisting because of hope, we are persisting for hope.” She said confidently.

Since 2008, Amity has supported more than 300 girls under its “University for Girls” program. Because of Amity, these girls enjoy their campus life in universities and explore their future. “Girls in this program become family. We encourage each other, learn from each other and grow with each other.”

After entering into society, these girls try their best to help other people in need and encourage others to support Amity’s programs. “We were in the same difficult situation as they are now, so we want to give them the opportunity to feel the love from the society.” They said sincerely.



感謝女子升大的畢業生，完全遠超期望，十分感動，謝謝大家🙏🙏  
女子升大計劃的畢業生，今年首次嘗試合聚人之愛心，捐款資助本年度的學生。薪火相傳，照亮他人❤️



△ Graduates from “University for Girls” made donation to this program

对于爱德，除了感激，还有敬佩。我曾为爱德的受助者，我不说爱德完全成就了现在的我，但真实的，现在的我很大部分受爱德影响至深。爱德给人的资助不仅是物质的，更是精神的，发展性和生成性的……  
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△ Graduates from “University for Girls” call for public donation for E-action children

## Mr. Mo and his mangos



△ A hard worker: busy but determined

He is known as a representative of the Tenth National People's Congress. He was once recommended as one of the Ten Anti-poverty Heroes of China. Whereas, after all the glory and fame, what he cares most are still his mango fields.

Mo Wenzhen, a 67-year-old farmer, lives in Tianyang county, Guangxi Province, which is known as “the county of mango”. Tianyang county is one of Amity’s project areas. Due to its special terrain, farmers faced lots of challenges in agricultural developments. Mr. Mo changed this situation. In 1987, he took a brave move. “Mountainous areas are bad for water storage, thus is not suitable for fruits and vegetables planting,” Mr. Mo analyzed. “I felt that our villagers should move out of mountains and settle down along the river valley,” Mr. Mo recalls. Determined as he was, Mr. Mo relocated 220 households of the village to the Youjiang River

Valley. Villagers worked together, settling down, working on barren hills, planting mangos, paving roads, building channels, diverting water, setting up electric wire... Later, Mr. Mo established a village cooperative in an aim to raise local mango production.

Time flies and three decades have gone by. Now Mr. Mo is known as a representative of the Tenth National People's Congress and was recommended as one of the Ten Anti-poverty Heroes of China. Whereas, after all the glory and fame, what he cares most are still his mango fields.

Over years, villagers sold mangos in fruit wholesale markets, which was inconvenient and low in price. “Our villagers are good at planting mangos, but weak at selling strategies.” Mr. Mo told us. “My dream is that we can sell our fruits via Internet directly to the consumers!”





△ Mr. Mo and his honors



While Mr. Mo was looking for sales channel for the villagers' mangos, Amity Foundation was researching on the way to wealth for Tianyang County. Amity discovered that although Tianyang County lacked sales strategies, it has good transportation conditions. Based on the findings, Amity provided farmers with trainings which aim to improve their producing and online/offline marketing skills.

“Thanks to Amity’s trainings, now we are all equipped

with the knowledge of agriculture management, as well as e-commerce, cooperative and marketing strategies.” said one of the farmers in Tianyang County. Even though they still live in mountains, they have walked into the outside world via the Internet.

“Thanks to Amity Foundation, now we have more confidence to explore the mango market,” said Mr. Mo.

“Without their help, we couldn’t make it.”



△ Amity staff talking with villagers

## Life guards for villagers in mountains



△ Amity village doctors (from left to right): Yuhan, Ejiao, Wainen (from Laga Village), Wainen (from Mangzhang Village) and Annen

**W**ainen is a village doctor in Laga village, Mangxin Town. She put on her medicine package and walked out of the clinic.

“Because some patients are unable to come to our clinic and some patients with chronicle diseases need long-term monitoring, I always visit them in their homes.” Though it often takes more than an hour to visit some patients’ homes, she has been on this journey for 27 years and never complains.

Amity Foundation and Doctor Wainen’s friendship started from 1999. “I still remember, in 1999, I took part in Amity’s training courses for village doctors. Later I got the opportunity to attend a series of professional trainings on medical care.” said Doctor Wainen with gratitude.

Throughout the years, Amity Foundation established rural clinics in Laga Village. “We care about individuals’ physical health and we care about the establishment of medical care system in rural communities. Amity and I think the same and work with each other. We are friends, colleagues and



△ Doctor Wainen has won so many awards



partners.”

For years, Doctor Wainen has always been a life-keeper and a guardian for villagers. As a village doctor, she, along with her four sisters, has built a security line with care and love for villagers in mountains. Their names are Doctor Yuhan from Haidong Village, Doctor Ejiao from Mangka Village, Doctor Wainen from Laga Village, Doctor Wainen from Mangzhang Village and Doctor Annen from Mangxin Village. They all took part in Amity’s training courses. “We learned a lot in the courses, including western medicine, Chinese medicine, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics.”

The five village doctors share difficulties, experience and stories:

“I started serving as a village doctor at the age of 17. I remember on my way to those patients living in the most remote village, I picked up a rock whenever I crossed a river. When I finally arrived, I realized that I picked up 32 rocks.”

“One year, measles spread. When we were on our way to the villages for prevention work, we went into car accident because of the poor transportation system. I was terrified at that time. I thought I was going to die.”

“I still remember that day when I visited my patient on motorcycle. The road was too slippery. I broke my motorcycle and had to carry it for 8 kilometers until I got home.”

“I educate every patient who visit our clinics about anti-drug knowledge. I am glad that my patients said ‘our doctor is a good person.’”

They may not be able to treat complicated diseases. But after systematic training, they can fulfill villagers’ basic

needs in medical care; they can provide first-aid support in emergencies; they may make referrals for patients with major diseases; and they can educate villagers on medical care to raise their awareness on health and hygiene.

Amity believes, by developing village doctor training program, both the health level and awareness of well-being of villagers can in turn be greatly improved. Until now, Amity has trained more than 22,000 village doctors



△ Amity village doctor visiting patients in rain

throughout the country just like Doctor Wainen and her sisters.

Now, with the influence of Amity village doctors, more and more people are joining the big family of medical service.

For instance, Xiaoyang, Doctor Wainen’s daughter, also became a village doctor in Laga village last year.

## He becomes a spokesperson of the village



△ Li Jianghua (left) speaking to the audience

“Welcome to Laga Village! My name is Li Jianghua.”

In October 2018, journalists visited several Amity project areas with Amity Media Exposure Team. Here, Laga Village, Menglian County, Yunnan Province was one of the project sites. Li Jianghua, a 27-year-old Lahu ethnic young man, was recommended as a speaker of the village.

Faced with journalists from nearly 10 mainstream media across the country, Li Jianghua described the tremendous changes that Amity projects had brought to himself and Laga Village in the past six years: “The road construction

project supported by Amity has made the roads in the village better; the drinking water project allows people to drink clean water at home; after installing the solar water heaters, everyone is used to taking shower now; we are planting coffee now, which will soon be harvested...” Simple language and vivid examples with sincere emotions won applause from the audience. Everyone gave a thumbs up to this dark-skinned, cheerful young man.

Although this passionate young man knew everything of Laga Village, he in fact was not born here. Li Jianghua’s hometown is in Lancang County. In 2012, he married a girl from Laga Village and later moved here with his wife. “Like



Amity project, I also moved to Laga Village in 2012.”

As an "immigrant", Li Jianghua was lucky. Shortly after he moved here, the Amity Farmer Development Association of Laga Village was established. He applied to join the association and soon became a backbone. He assisted in establishing an ethnic performance team, providing health trainings, organizing speech contests, promoting village cleaning and decorations... "At first, villagers didn't know what the association was. Later, when they saw the changes in the village, they applied for joining the association." Said Li Jianghua. "I'm busy but I'm happy. I got the opportunity to come into the daily life of local people."

2014 was a memorable year for Li Jianghua. Under the trust and support of all members of the Amity Farmers Development Association, Li Jianghua was elected as the general secretary of the association. For Li Jianghua, he was no longer an "immigrant", but a leader and a spokesman of the village life. For Laga Village, it was no longer an isolated rural area, but a confident new village.



△ Li Jianghua and villagers talking with journalists

"I really didn't expect it was Li Jianghua!" said Lin Jianmei, staff from Amity's local partner. "I still remember when Amity implemented project here at the very beginning, the villagers ran away and hid in their houses wherever project staff went. Li Jianghua did the same. When I first met him, he was friendly but shy, talking little. Now I am really impressed!"

"The change of Laga people makes me feel that 'human development' is the essence of Amity's projects. I believe more and more people will benefit." Said Lin Jianmei.



△ Group photo

## A pursuit of happiness through embroidery



△ Besides cross-stitching, Liang Zhongying also masters several other handicrafts.

In a warm autumn morning, we walked into this village named Woyun. Golden sunshine, clear blue sky, yellow leaves, and houses with blue tiles were telling us the peace and happiness of the village. Villagers we run into waved to greet us, like old friends. Woyun is a village lying in Mianzhu of Sichuan Province. Seeing its prosperity today, one can hardly believe that this place was once severely damaged by the devastating earthquake in 2008.

Liang Zhongying is a beautiful quiet lady. Two years ago, she returned to her hometown, Woyun. Staying at home, all she did was housework. However, this lady, as industrious as she is, has always wanted to try something new. The village committee, by chance, organized a cross-stitch workshop specifically for female villagers. Zhongying was very interested and signed up immediately.



“Amity implemented a reconstruction program in our village after the 2008 earthquake. During the program, Amity provided regular trainings. After the program, we followed Amity’s tradition. Today we still have a variety of trainings in the village for educational, cultural, entertainment and even wealth-building purposes. We like these activities,” said Zhongying, smiling.

Cross-stitching looks easy. However, to make it delicate, one has to be patient and careful stitch by stitch to ensure its compaction and tidiness. In the beginning, Zhongying kept making mistakes. But the encouragement from her family cheered her up. Slowly, practice makes perfect. finally, colorful and vivid patterns appeared in her hands.

In this era of sharing economy, the Internet also benefits this little village. In an Amity-organized event, Zhongying got to know an online trading platform called “Mian Zhu Wechat Help”. She started to sell some of her handicrafts on the platform. Merchants were strict to the quality of handwork products. At first, Zhongying encountered some setbacks and payment cut.

Nevertheless, Zhongying took these challenges as “the way to success”. With support from her husband, she improved quickly. Selling price of her product increased from a few dozen yuan to several hundred yuan. Zhongying was happy. “I find embroidery work with practical use, such as tissue box, insoles, etc., sells much better than pure art work. I don’t earn a lot from my handwork. But the feeling that I am one of the supporters of the family makes me cheerful.” She said with passion.

Now, Zhongying is famous in the village for her embroidery skill. She has a new role - to lead villagers “towards happiness.” Many women, learning cross-stitch embroidery, are satisfied with the little fun of this handwork and this way of earning some living.

Hanging on the wall of Zhongying’s living room is her “artist’s select”, a piece of cross-stitch work called “Great Fortunes.” Bright-colored, full-bloomed flowers greet people with ear-to-ear smile, looking forward to Zhongying’s “happiness”.



△ Under Zhongying’s instruction, her husband started to do cross-stitching as well.



△ Cross-stitching work entitled: Great Fortune, Good Luck

## They are ‘Smurfs’ of love



△ Group photo of donors from Ford Motor

In this summer, Selina from Ford Motor Research and Engineering (Nanjing) Co., Ltd. (“Ford Nanjing”) heard an exciting news: Xiao Hong, whom Selina has sponsored under Amity E-action Program for 6 years, was admitted by a university! Xiao Hong was doing well in her College Entrance Examination and it was a great achievement for a girl who lost her parents and lives with a 70-year-old grandparent and a younger brother.

Xiao Hong chose tourism management as her major in the university as this is the area she is interested in.

“I’m so glad she made it. I can feel her confidence and motivation from her feedback material provided by Amity,” after hearing the news, Selina and her teammates in Amity Education Program supported by the Ford company contacted Xiao Hong who lives in Xiang Xi.

“I was young when I first met you in 2012,” said Xiao Hong. “What I knew at that time was that you were in blue and I was told by Amity staff that you came from Ford Nanjing to visit us. We ate cakes, played games and told stories. I didn’t know why you were here at all. But later, I got to know you



were our sponsors. Your love and care are so important. I wouldn't have graduated from high school without your help. I might quit secondary school to work to earn a living.”

Ford Nanjing began its sponsorship under Amity's E-action Program in 2012. It formed a specific team to call for more donations from more sponsoring staff. Each year, Ford Nanjing, under the cooperation of Amity Foundation, will organize site visit to Amity's project area. They put on special blue T-shirts and was called by the children as dear “Smurfs”. In six years, there are hundreds of “Smurfs” from Ford Nanjing sponsoring about 300 Amity E-action Children from Jiangsu, Hunan and Yunnan provinces.

For Ford staff who live in big cities, harsh lives of E-action Children are unimaginable. During a sharing session, a ‘Smurf’ said empathetically: “the amount is not big. For me,

it is only the cost of few piano lessons for my child. But for the E-action Children, it means much. I wish my little help could narrow the gap between them and our children who live in cities.”

Reviewing the 6 years' journey with Amity Foundation, the “Smurfs” told us: “Our help may be limited. But we want to go on this journey as far as we can.” The person-in-charge of the project in Ford Nanjing told us that the aim of the “Smurfs” was to provide equal education to the children, but during the process, they were taught to be perseverant and optimistic by these children another way back. This is valuable experience one can never obtain from anywhere else.

(Materials / Xiao Zhengyu)



△ Moments with the children



## Crossing the Oceans to see you

“My name is Chen Jia-En 陈嘉恩, and my English name is Jessie. I am an American born Chinese. I study East Asian history and linguistics at a university in Pennsylvania. As one who lives to love and laugh, for me this is the second time I have come to China to participate in the Amity Foundation International Volunteer Exchange program.”

I was born and raised in the United States. My parents immigrated over in the 1990s. Up until I was 18 years old, I felt quite unaware of China. I learned about Amity's opportunity through a senior student at school who guided me as her mentee. For the sake of the taste of independence, and in order to satiate my curiosity, I applied to become a volunteer of the Amity International Volunteer Exchange Program. I crossed the seas alone for the first time to partake in what was called “service learning”.



△ Jessie (right) is teaching a girl with disabilities to do handwork

Recalling the excitement I had when my university approved funding for the first time I came to China to participate with Amity last year, in contrast my parents were not very pleased. They were understandably worried that being a young girl living in a foreign country alone was unsafe, but I was very determined to dispel my parents' doubts. Sure enough, after coming to China, I found that it was quite consistent with my assumptions: China is not synonymous with "backwardness", and law and order is more secure than it seems. I reported everything I saw and experienced back to my parents in the United States, so when I wanted to return again to Amity this summer, they were much less opposed to the idea.

As an American with Chinese blood, there's a sense of always having an unspeakable yearning and unexplained feelings of empathy towards China. After returning from China the first and second times, I felt compelled to share my heritage and better convince those who are biased to go to China and have a look, or at least be more willing to expand their prejudiced views.

This year, I again participated in many social service projects of Amity's and led the Amity Summer English Camp 2018 project in Peitian Village of Fujian Province. Much of the difference is that this time around, I not only participated in volunteer service learning programs, but also took the initiative to apply to supervise and serve as an interpreter and resource for the first-time student volunteers. I not only had a chance to nurture a more holistic, in-depth understanding of China; but I also gained



a deep understanding of Amity's approach to charity work in local communities, and I met many kind-hearted friends, teachers, and mentors in the process.



△ Jessie is teaching people with disabilities to dance

Outside of volunteer work, I also really like to dance, and I am very happy to utilize my own abilities in this personal interest to teach my fellow community members to dance. Dance is the art of the body, letting people express their emotions and find happiness and self-confidence, especially for those with disabilities who are often excluded from these hobbies. For the adults I taught social ballroom dance to at the Xigang Home of Blessings, as long as they are willing to learn, every person can be cheerful and comfortable being themselves in our classroom space, and feel confident that they are capable.

What left the deepest impression on me was what I observed during my time at the Amity Child Development Center, working with special education teachers to accompany autistic children to dance, do exercises, and play... sometimes the children occasionally will be distracted or even emotionally distressed, but the truth is

that these cases are truly heartbreaking. In the process of service learning, I have tried to sympathetically understand the difficulty and hardship of each child's parents, who may only have one child that they have so many aspirations, hopes, and dreams for. These feelings have prompted me to want to reach these children's hearts and spread awareness to the rest of society. Despite being here for a short time, I have hopes that these children will realize that there are some people in the outside world that still care about them, and that they will not be left "forgotten".



△ Jessie is dancing with children with autism in Amity Children Development Center

At the same time, I acknowledge that many volunteers who participate in volunteer service think that they are helping others and thus feel good about doing so, but I have different opinions: because many volunteers are still students, whether they are professional or experienced, they have to be trained and enriched before they can actually be helpful to anyone, including themselves.

Volunteer service cannot be for the sake of self-enthusiasm and self-fulfillment, especially since the difficulties these communities face cannot be fundamentally changed with the inexperienced service of students and amateurs who stay for two or three months. There should be higher



△ Jessie and her classmates together with other volunteers

requirements for professionalism when working with these communities. Therefore, I believe that the significance of participating in volunteer service should be the cultivation of the spirit of volunteer service. During this period, we should observe ourselves, learn more from others, learn more and self reflect on our own mistakes, and accumulate more experiences. When we have the abilities, we will be able to truly help others, and even then we should help others learn with the capacity we have to teach these skills.

It is understood that the Amity Foundation International Volunteer Exchange Program began in early 2000. The project aims to spread the spirit of volunteerism,

the spirit of love, and the spirit of public welfare to the world through every service learning and international exchange activities, and build a platform for exchange and interaction. Promote the folk exchanges of young people from all over the world and contribute to the maintenance of world peace. After years of development, the Amity Foundation has established good long-term cooperative relations with schools and non-governmental organizations in more than 20 countries including the United States, Germany, Australia, Britain, Japan and Korea. It has participated in long-term and short-term exchanges in China for a total of 1,500 people."



## Mozhi is admitted to Peking University!



△ Zhou Mozhi

In the small town 40 kilometers away from the county, 18-year-old Mozhen had a "big harvest" this summer. She received a letter from Peking University telling her she is admitted to this top-tier university in China. In this year's college entrance examination, she scored an incredible score of 642.

"This score is much higher than I expected," Mozhi said. "At the moment I learned my results, I was very surprised."

Mozhi's teacher sees her as an innocent and quiet girl and she is very talented in writing. Mozhi attribute this talent to books.

Mozhi is living a hard life comparing to other people of the same age. In elementary school, when her friends were cuddling in the arms of their parents, Mozhi could only watch them as her parents passed away ten years ago. That's why young Mozhi grows up with her grandparents and relatives.

Mozhi sometimes feels lonely but she knows that she must be strong, and never let her grandparents see her tears... Therefore, reading has become a happy experience as so many books are accompanying her.

When she misses mom and dad, Mozhi will sit alone in the corner by the window and watch outside quietly. She knows that growing up to be the best self is the best reward for her grandparents who are old but trying their best to raise her and it is also a comfort to some extent for her parents who are living in another world...

"Mozhi is a good child. She is living a hard life but she is fond of study and reading. We are old but we want to give her opportunities for higher education." Said Mozhi's grandma. When grandma was informed that Mozhi was admitted to Peking University, she burst into tears. "I am so glad that she is admitted to such a famous university. You know, she used to consider giving up school to go out to work, in order to bring some income to our poor family. It Amity Foundation that didn't let this happen."

In her most difficult time, Mozhi participated in Amity's E-action Program and became one of the "E-action Children". With the support of her school, her relatives and, of course, Amity Foundation, Mozhi keeps on going and harvests the olive branch from top university in China.

In the autumn, Mozhi will leave for Beijing to study. Now her biggest wish is to work hard to complete studies, so that she will be able to "raise" her grandparents for a stable and comfortable old age.

## Amity responds to flooding in four provinces



△ Amity Foundation provides food and daily necessities to people affected by the floods

On August 21, the Hong Kong Disaster Relief Fund (HKDRF) approved a grant of \$5.824 million to the Amity Foundation, Hong Kong. The grant will support Amity's disaster relief project in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu Provinces, to provide rice, flour, cooking oil and quilts to benefit 10,622 families which suffered in severe

floods in mid July.

The Amity Foundation has been cooperating with local partners and assessed the situation in affected regions. Shortly after the floods, the Amity Foundation raised funds to support partners on the ground providing emergency relief goods and daily necessities to meet immediate needs





△ Amity truck delivers relief goods to affected areas (left). Amity staff is assessing the devastating damage of the flooding (right).



△ Relief goods are distributed according to prior assessment



△ Elderly women carrying relief goods with a handcart

of the flood victims. On July 23, the HKDRF supported Amity's emergency relief with a grant of HKD 536,000 under the fast-track mechanism. Until August 10, the Amity Foundation distributed 54,000 kilogramm of rice and 1,200 barrels of cooking oil to people in need in Sichuan.

According to previous assessments and information from emergency project staff on the ground, relief goods are corresponding to the needs of the people.



## Amity continues to work in Nepal



△ Representatives of both countries visited joint community projects of Amity and Transformation Nepal

On July 29, 2018, the Amity Foundation and Transformation Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a strategic partnership in Kathmandu. The signing ceremony took place during a forum and networking event, attended by 25 Chinese and 34 Nepalese representatives of social organizations, as well

as government officials from both countries.

Zhu Ri, General Secretary of the China NGO Network for International Exchange pointed out that medical care, education and poverty alleviation are driving forces for present and further exchanges and cooperation.





△ Deputy Secretary General He Wen is signing a memorandum of understanding with Transformation Nepal



△ Amity pledged to fund a computer skill development project for young people

On July 30, delegates from both countries visited post disaster reconstruction and livelihood development projects jointly organized by the Amity Foundation and Transformation Nepal.

In 2015, during the Nepal earthquake, the Amity Foundation started to work with Transformation Nepal. Since then Amity has continued to carry out integrated development project, spending more than 8 million RMB, benefiting almost 12,000 local people.



△ The project 'Grace', supports women with training and community funds



△ During the project visits Amity's local partner Transformation Nepal introduced post-disaster reconstruction, livelihood development and education projects



## Board elects Ling Chunxiang as General Secretary



△ Group picture of the meeting



On September 16, the Amity's fifth session of the third Board took place in Nanjing. More than twenty people, including the executive directors, board members and staff of the administration office, attended the meeting.

In accordance with the procedures of the China Charity law, Ms Ling Chunxiang was elected as the new General Secretary of the Amity Foundation. Ms. Ling Chunxiang started to work with the Amity Foundation in 1999. Last, she was deputy general secretary and head of Amity's administration office.

Furthermore, the Board were presented the work plan and reports and discussing were made. In her work report, Ling Chunxiang pointed out that in 2018 Amity Foundation raised RMB 168 million in funds by September 14. Especially the results of the Tencent 9/9 Philanthropy Day and the charity week are expected to exceed more than 60 million RMB. Furthermore, Amity has successfully continued to enhance the institutional development and internal management according to new regulations and laws.

After her election, Ms Ling Chunxiang empathized the historical transformation of the Amity Foundation over the last 15 years in terms of work areas, personnel scale and funding. She said that she is deeply honored and will continue to work closely with the leadership, relevant authorities, the Board and the whole Amity team for the cause of further social development.

Mr Qiu Zhonghui, the previous General Secretary, was elected as the Chair of the Amity Board on April 2018. In his speech at the end of the fifth session of the third Board, Mr Qiu expressed his gratitude to work the past 15 years in the Era of China's Reform and Opening



△ Ling Chunxiang during her speech



△ Mr Qiu Zhonghui addresses the Board

Up, which lead to Amity's development and growth. Last but not least, Mr Qiu said that the foundation for future development has been built, and he expressed his expectations of vivid future innovation and inspiration.

## Summer Academy on Diakonia in Nanjing



△ Group photo at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, the training venue of the Summer Academy

From 26 August to 6 September 2018, the Amity Foundation and the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary organized the Summer Academy on Diakonia 2018. About 45 participants, mainly young pastors who are committed and dedicated to Diakonia ministry, attended the training. They were selected by Amity Foundation in consultation with provincial and regional Christian Councils. Half of the attendees were women.

The Summer Academy on Diakonia program supports churches in China to raise their awareness of Diakonia ministry, step into the community and become the bridge between Church, government and society. At the same time, it will contribute to the preparation of better trained personnel for Diakonia ministry with enough practical knowledge and experience to promote Diakonia in the context of China.



△ Amity's Board Chair Mr. Qiu Zhonghui (middle) and Chen Yilu, Vice President of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (left of Mr. Qiu) welcoming the participants during the opening ceremony

In an opening lecture, Board Chair of the Amity Foundation, Mr. Qiu Zhonghui talked about the role of faith based organizations in providing social services. As present developments and challenges, Mr Qiu pointed out the contradiction between having a good life and imbalanced development, the role of the government and social organizations, and legal aspects of social development. Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of ecological sustainability. Many companies have already included the ecological aspect into their Corporate Social Responsibility plan (CSR to CSER).

Overseas experts of Diakonia gave presentations about different aspects of Diakonia. Professor Kjell Nordstokke, a proven expert and the author of a current working paper on Diaconia by the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and ACT Alliance, gave presentations during the first week. Rev. Kjell informed participants about ongoing international discussions and a present shift of paradigm of Diakonia. After teaching about the European and ecumenical history and context of Diakonia, Kjell emphasized the importance to contextualize and localize diaconal work in China.

Dr. Manoj Kurian of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance

of the WCC gave the presentation or 'Food For Life', advocating for more sustainable and ecological friendly food consumption. Both lecturers gave examples how to integrate those concepts into theological thinking. Besides visiting the Amity Printing Company, participants also took part in exposure tours and visited Protestant and Buddhist social organizations in Yangzhou and Zhenjiang province. Reverent Liao Xiaoqin of the Luzhou Church and Master Ren Guan from the Buddhist Weng Fen Foundation gave presentations about Chinese contexts of religious social engagement.

During the second week, the training focused on practical aspects of Diakonia e.g. management and fundraising. Trainers were Amity staff and other Chinese experts. The presentations were followed by Q&A sessions, group discussions and exchanges among the participants who came from various provinces of China.



△ Professor Kjell Nordstokke, an WCC expert from Norway, gave presentations over three days



△ Mr Kjell receives presents by the participating pastors



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The Amity Foundation has more than 80 full-time staffers at its Nanjing headquarters. Hundreds of volunteers work with Amity all over China. The Amity Foundation receives funds from partners abroad as well as in Hong Kong and mainland China.