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**ON THE COVER:**

Through years of work in Menglian, Yunan Province, Amity has trained a lot of village doctors who serve as the safeguard for the villagers.





## Capacity building for rural women: a raise in morale and confidence



**“Knowledge changes fate” is equally applicable to rural women**

**W**e Chinese often say “women hold up half of the sky”, however, in rural areas, women are often weak in family status, social status and capacity. Amity believes that women serve as the backbone of both families and society. Especially for a family, an open-minded, strong and hardworking mother will be extremely helpful for the development of the whole family.

Amity Foundation has always advocated gender equality and encouraged women to emancipate themselves and to realize their potential. Amity believes that rural women's capacity building includes four major areas: education, livelihood, health care and integrated development.

In terms of education , Amity believes that “knowledge changes fate” also applies to rural women. We don’t expect every rural woman to have the same knowledge level as a university student, but we understand that women with middle-school education have a clear advantage in thinking and knowledge compared to illiterate women.

Based on certain level of education, rural women can try to enhance their livelihoods and increase their family income, such as doing small businesses in the village. Once women’s livelihoods are enhanced, their self-confidence, family status and social status will be enhanced.

In rural areas, “illness leads to poverty” is a common problem, especially for those women who are weak in physical health. As a result,

only by raising the level of women's health care and improving their health status, we can reduce the root cause of poverty, which is illness.

The integrated development capability is mainly reflected in the participation by women in public affairs, such as participation in the work of the village committee and of the Women's Development Association. The participation in public affairs can expand women's influence and voice from family to community, expand the social support network of rural women, bring practical support to rural women, and inject female strength into social development.

## Women's participation propels rural community development

**E**mpowering rural women is easy to say but difficult to execute. Especially in the early stages of our projects, we encountered a variety of misunderstandings, even questioning ourselves – but this also shows the importance of promoting such projects.

I remember that I was involved in a rural poverty alleviation project in a province shortly after I joined Amity. When conducting training for local government officials on rural research, we specifically required women representatives to attend. This had been proved to be right: female representatives have shown a positive attitude and expressed many constructive views when participating in some discussions. This shows that women have more in-depth observations and reflections on many phenomena that occur in the families and the communities.

Therefore, many elements of integrated rural development projects, such as microfinance, target rural women. Local women have changed a lot with the support of these projects. In the research stage, before the projects started, when we communicated with the women, many were very introverted and lacked communication skills. But two or three years later, when we communicated with them again, they became very talkative and friendly, being open, confident and included.

Change of those women in the project area is the epitome of the "participatory development" concept of Amity. Each of Amity's poverty alleviation projects adheres to the "people-oriented" guiding ideology and pays attention to the full participation of the beneficiaries. Amity believes that the meaning of the project is not to "give people fish," but to "teach people fishing". To fully arouse the enthusiasm and creativity of the beneficiaries, and to achieve "the development of people" during the project implementation, which align with Amity's value of "helping people help themselves", are the fundamental value of Amity's projects.

## Raise in morale and confidence is the foundation of revitalization

**T**his year's government work report emphasizes that poverty alleviation and rural revitalization should be coordinated. In Amity's opinion, the work of rural poverty alleviation and rural revitalization has always been organically combined.

Amity believes that "revitalization" must be based on "raise morale and confidence". We noticed that some poor families in rural areas would like to "wait for help" after being provided financial support for a while, which made it difficult to achieve rural revitalization.

We believe that the key to change long-term poverty lies in the improvement of their self-development ability. Therefore, in addition to the building of their hardware facilities, Amity pays more attention to the cultivation of their soft skills, such as training the teachers, training on agricultural production, training on vocational skills, etc. for different groups. This way of help is consistent with the current "targeted poverty alleviation" by the government.

On the one hand, Amity assessed the actual conditions of the project area and the needs of local people. Amity staff found out that the causes of poverty in each place differ, so different development paths should be conducted. In this process, Amity encouraged the villagers to speak out about their needs, make suggestions, and work with Amity to design projects that would fit the local realities and benefit the villagers.

On the other hand, we encouraged local people to participate in the monitoring and evaluation process of the projects. For Amity, ordinary people have the final say on the effectiveness of a project. Local people are the beneficiaries and owners of these projects. They say "good" and it is indeed good.



General Secretary

# Without 'HER', even 'HERO' is 'O'!

**F**or a family, "her" love usually represents mom's love. Mom's love, for us, often equals to philanthropism, tolerance, tenacity, selflessness and warmth.

In Amity's journey towards philanthropy, there are many mother-like roles. They use love, time and spirit to irrigate the dry minds and support the weak bodies.

They show up in Amity's remote project areas; they also appear in Amity's urban project communities. They meet needs of at-risk children; they also provide care for the challenged. Restlessly, they contribute themselves to the philanthropic undertakings and gradually, they become friends, colleagues and mentors of Amity, whether as volunteers or voluntary groups, as partners or donors.

Now, let us focus on these "moms" in this philanthropic family.





## The perseverance and dreams of a “football mom”



△ Wang Xia has been working for kids' football dream for years  
(Picture/www.CYOL.com)

Wang Xia, a 40-year-old physical education teacher, has been teaching and training students from 18 different classes since 2006. Her workplace, the School of Sanyi, is located in Yingquan District, Fuyang City, Anhui Province.

Before 2014, Wang Xia had no experience in teaching football. However, this did not stop her from promoting the sport on campus. She believed that football had positive effects on children's health, life, and intelligence. “I want these children to have healthy, joyful, and positive experiences during childhood,” she said.

With this strong belief, Wang Xia learned to teach football by watching videos online. She then founded a school football team. “At the beginning, we had no space, no coach, and no financial support.” Wang recalled. After some time, with the efforts of Wang and her colleagues, the San Yi School was selected as one of the first national

football schools in the country. “It was such a priceless achievement!” Wang said happily. “I could not believe that our school, a rural school in a remote area, was named on a formal document of the Ministry of Education.”

2016 was an important turning point for Wang and her football team. In that year, the San Yi School was chosen as one of the project schools of the “Amity-Sunning Football 1+1” program. “We finally can provide enough sportswear, necessary equipment, and site maintenance for the children, and prepare them with food, catering, and transportation during competitions; and get support for on-campus football development and training,” said Wang.

“Amity Football 1+1 gave me courage and confidence.” Wang said. She wanted to “fight for the dreams of these adorable children”. Most of the team members were orphans, children with only a single parent or left-behind children. “I picked all of them purposefully,” said Wang. She discovered that football could bring these children much opportunity and positive energy.



△ Under “Football 1+1” program, the kids have better facilities and site for football training (Picture/SOHU.com)





△ Fun games designed by Wang Xia arousing interests of kids on football (Picture/SOHU.com)

“I still remember one little girl who used to be on our football team,” she recalled. “She grew up without much care or love from her parents, because her parents, with their many differences, often wound up in quarrels.” Fortunately, Wang encouraged her to join the team and with this opportunity, this little girl regained confidence and became quite optimistic towards her future. Wang said, “She even made much academic progress, and was eventually elected as our first female team captain.”

There was a boy on the team, whose mother had left home in his early years and never returned. Once, the team travelled to Nanjing to participate in training. During break time, everyone brought out snacks from home but this little boy had nothing in his bag. “I myself am a mother and I felt sympathy for him. So afterwards I gave him a large pack of snacks while no one was around,” said Wang. The boy had burst into tears and said, “Ms. Wang... can I call you mom?” She nodded and gave him a warm hug. “I was deeply moved when he called me ‘mom’. I realize that these children really need love!”

During football seasons, Wang worked hard to provide trainings during the day while she checked uniforms, equipment, and the status of the children throughout the night. During regular school days, she would collect clothes from her own kids and from relatives’ kids and give them to students who did not have as many. She managed to provide all kinds of support to the kids. During her free time, she volunteered to teach gymnastics and football skills at other schools nearby.

With her continuous efforts, two other schools in town were also selected as national football schools. It’s extremely rare and special for such a remote district to have three nationally recognized football schools simultaneously.

Wang Xia, a woman with a kind heart and strong will, has devoted her love and energy to her football teams. Because of her commitment, more and more children are sent to schools with better resources and larger platforms for further training in football. She presents these children with opportunities to pursue their dreams. Wang was recognized as one of “the most beautiful rural teachers” in Fuyang City and also in the province of Anhui.



△ Wang Xia (eighth from left, first row) in 2019 Football 1+1 Coach Training

## Li Li, through a link of kindness, suddenly has “lots of kids”

**L**i Li, an outgoing woman, works for the Shenqiu Charity Federation in Zhoukou city in Henan Province. “She is a go-getter. There is nothing she can’t do!”, her colleagues would say. Li has a lot of experience in dealing with civil affairs, and visiting families in need of help has become her duty every day. “They see me as their family member. Every time I visit, they would come out of their house and take me inside by the hand,” Li told us.

Li is in charge of Amity’s E-action Orphan Fostering Program. About four years ago, she noticed one child amongst all the applicants in the program. Xiao Qi, a five-year-old girl, came from a miserable childhood. After the loss of father and grandfather in the same year, Xiao Qi’s mother suffered from a psychic shock and left home, leaving Xiao Qi and her little brother to her grandparents.

When talking about Xiao Qi’s family, Li would express deep concern and always felt sorry for her. “A fortune-teller told Xiao Qi’s mother that her family would lose two

men within one year. So her mother lost her mind after two family members passed away.” With such a dramatic series of tragic events, Xiao Qi became introverted and insecure. “She dares not to make direct eye contact. When I first met her, she was so skinny and short, and her hair had browned due to malnutrition,” said Li. “She and my daughter were of the same age. But my daughter looks much stronger and is much more outgoing. This made me feel bad, especially as a mother.”

Because of this, Li cares for Xiao Qi in a special way. She often calls her and asks how she is doing, and invites Xiao Qi regularly to do after-school activities with her own daughter. “My daughter also wants to help Xiao Qi. Every time the two girls meet and play with each other, Xiao Qi’s laughter fills the room.” Li believed enough love and patience would make a child more optimistic.

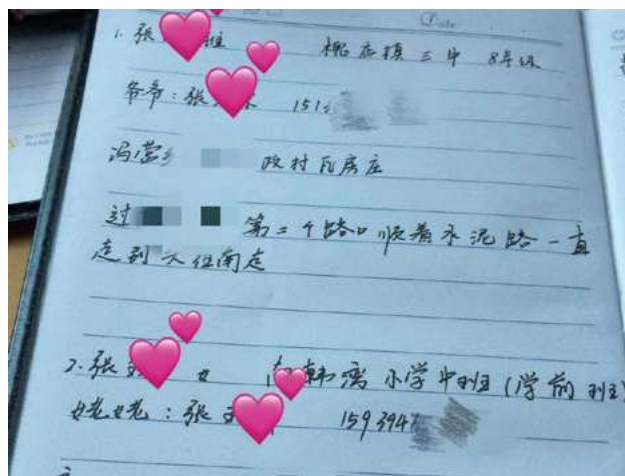
Li knows that apart from family care, opportunities to get involved and participate in social activities would prove beneficial. That’s why she often takes Xiao Qi and her daughter to serve as volunteers at local charity events. “She has to know that she is capable. She is not a weak person only waiting for help. She has the power to help others too.” Li hopes that being a volunteer would enable her to learn more from society. “They can gain confidence and power while volunteering for charity events.” Li said. “And she makes progress every time.” There was one time that Li encouraged Xiao Qi and her daughter work for a local marathon as volunteers. At first Xiao Qi was too afraid to interact with foreign runners, but later on she started to talk to them in English.



△ Knowing Xiaoqi (middle) is a shy girl, Li Li (right) always keeps on her side when visited by the donors



△ Xiaoqi (left) together with Li Li's daughter (right) as volunteers in a marathon race



△ Li Li's notebook stating details of each kid under support

“Sometimes it feels like I have another daughter.” Watching Xiao Qi become more outgoing and optimistic, Li Li feels gratified.

Xiao Qi is actually not the only one who receives care from Li Li. Li gives all the love she can to children registered under the Amity E-action Orphan Fostering Program. She visits these children and their families on a regular basis. She collects and records student performance to give feedbacks to donors. Li also makes visits to various towns and counties, introducing the program and looking for more children who are in need of support.

“Because I support so many children, oftentimes I’ll make mistakes on their names or schools.” Li admitted. However, these mistakes rarely create misunderstandings between the children and Li. “They still see me as an old friend, or even as their mother,” Li smiled.



## “As long as you are safe and happy, it’s a beautiful day”



△ Aunt Liu dressing up for the apprentice

“**S**hu Chunyang, remember to drink more water.”  
“Zhou Jian, look at your clothes. Come here, let me help you clean up.”  
“Huihui, how do you feel today?”

At Amity Bakery, Liu Liqun’s caring words can be heard every day. Those that she cares for lovingly call her Auntie Liu. She has been working as a volunteer at Amity for 11 years.

Auntie Liu gets up at 6:30am each day for work. After a quick breakfast, she’ll head over to Amity Bakery by bike. “People usually fear situations that they do not understand. But once you get closer to these bakers, you will be touched by their innocence.”

At the beginning, these “happy children” (nickname for those who have mental disabilities) were not familiar with Auntie Liu. They were timid and refused to speak to her. But through helping them in both their studies and daily lives, Auntie Liu quickly won their trust and became their friend.

Recalling all her years spent with these lovely baking apprentices, Auntie Liu says “It’s almost as if rocks have sprouted flowers!”

For most of us, tasks such as brushing butter, using molds, and squeezing dough, are easy. But for them, it is a large endeavor. “For example, if they are taught something this week, they will quickly forget it by next week. Teachers have to train them again and again... sometimes it takes them 2-3 years to fully master some steps by repeated teaching.”

Auntie Liu never considers these “re-trainings” meaningless. “After all, they (the students) will make progress,” she says. “When we first hired these trainees, many people doubted their ability to make edible bread. But after all these years of hard work, many of the doubters have become our most frequent customers.” Reflecting on the success of their progress, Auntie Liu smiles proudly.

Zhou Jian, one of the most well-known trainees, has been working in Amity Bakery for over 10 years. He loves Amity Bakery and our kind Auntie Liu. “Auntie Liu is a good person. She treats me well. I will keep working hard and make more bread, cookies, and cakes”, says Zhou Jian. He had found work in other shops before, but he couldn’t last even on the first day - he was blamed for working slowly.

“It is really difficult for them to reach ‘regular’ standards of working efficiency. But they have their advantages too -- they are much more diligent and meticulous than ‘ordinary’ people. Can you believe that they can repeat the same boring action for a whole day if you don’t ask them to stop? So, I don’t think they should be defined as the “weak”, they

just take more time. We need to understand and accommodate for their lifestyles.”

Auntie Liu sets a schedule every day to remind the trainees to drink water, to take some rest, to eat lunch, to take noon break, and to bring their personal belongings before going home...

“Ms. Liu is very virtuous. She is so considerate, and she does more for these children than we parents do and she always reminds us to care for them.” Thinking about Auntie Liu, Shu Chunyang’s mother has tears in her eyes.

“I have long been taking them as my own children. I care for them all the time.” Auntie Liu told us. “As long as I can, I will keep caring for them and helping them. To be able to see them living their lives happily is my biggest wish.”



△ Aunt Liu and the apprentices

## Giving warmth to aid their growth



△ "Say cheese!" Said Ms. Zhong

**M**s. Zhong is an enthusiastic lady from Chongqing who runs a company with her husband.

She devotes her life to charity. She became a donor of "Amity E-action Orphan Fostering Program" in 2016. As a mother of three kids, she hopes to pass on her motherly love and positive energy to other children in need.

At the beginning of 2018, she took part in the "Warm Winter" visit to Tengchong, Yunnan Province, along with other volunteers.

After confirming the number of children she was going to visit, the kind lady prepared a lot of gifts along with her family and friends. Amongst the gifts were handmade hair ornaments for girls. What surprised everyone most and brought her immense pride was, encouraged by her efforts, some male friends also joined to make the hair ornaments. Ms. Zhong and her friends spent almost an entire day making dozens of hair ornaments. "Although they are not the most delicate, they are filled with our love." She hoped the girls would like them – since 'every girl likes to look pretty'.





△ Handmade hair ornaments



△ A hug represents a lot



△ The kid and her grandma looking at the gift from Ms. Zhong



△ This kid is a little shy. Telling a story is a good start of relation

Indeed, the girls were joyous when they received the gifts. They felt like princesses - bursting into laughter, choosing their favorites, and pinning them onto their hair. In their eyes, Ms. Zhong was like a magician, using her magic skills to embellish their hair and heart.

During visits, Ms. Zhong got along well with the kids. Even upon meeting shy kids, she would offer a warm hug to ease their nerves. When she met more reluctant, insecure children who lacked confidence, she would hold their hands and encourage them to see the brighter side of life. "I hope the outburst of our inner energy can provide the children with warmth and love!"

Most of these children had lost their parents at a young age. For them, Ms. Zhong was like a mother, visiting and caring for them. They enjoyed having this outgoing and patient "mother" who always shared about her daily life, experiences, and stories with them. "They need a sense of softness and security," said Ms. Zhong. "I believe I can be that soft presence in their lives."

## She is proud because...



△ Doctor Yuhan visiting patients on motorcycle

**Y**uhan, a 58-year-old woman, was a village doctor in Haidong Village, Menglian Dai, Lahu and Wa Autonomous County before her retirement.

Yuhan began practicing as a doctor when she was 17 years old. "When I first worked as a village doctor, my workplace was in Mangka Village, a village with the worst transportation conditions. My family felt that my job was too dangerous and asked me to change a job. However, people in Mangka Village really needed a doctor and asked me not to go. I couldn't refuse at all... so I stayed." Yuhan told us.

After staying in Mangka Village for three years, Yuhan was transferred to Haidong Village as a village doctor. There, she worked until she retired.

In the eyes of the villagers in Haidong Village and surrounding villages, Dr. Yuhan is their health guardian. In addition to daily diagnosis and treatment, everyone believes that the most powerful skill of Dr. Yuhan is: child delivery.

"In old days, there were few villagers going to the hospital to produce. On one hand, the transportation conditions of the village was bad which made it inconvenient; on the other hand, the cost was relatively high. So they just needed a midwife at home," Yuhan said with a smile. In the 1980s and 1990s, most of the children in Haidong Village were born with the assistance by Yuhan.

Yuhan still remembers that one day, a woman in the village was going to give birth to a pair of twins. When she helped deliver one baby, she told the family "she's going to have another one". The family didn't believe and called it a "nonsense". In those days when the B-ultrasound was not common, Yuhan insisted on her judgment due to her solid knowledge and rich experience. When she helped the woman to produce the second child, the family was surprised: the capability of this village doctor is no worse than the gynecology doctor in the town hospital!

Because of this "twin event", Yuhan became "famous" in Haidong Village. "Even families from nearby villages, who live far away, will come to me to deliver the baby." In the eyes of the villagers, this nice doctor can help them keep healthy, bring new members to families, and keep the family's hopes.

Even when she was pregnant herself, Yuhan did not stop her work. "When I was at my eighth months of pregnancy, I took my medical equipment and visited villagers. My thought was, as long as I could do something, then do something for the villagers, and I would try my best to do more! I still remember I had a lot of patients on the day of

my delivery. Suddenly, I felt pain and I went home immediately with my backpack. As soon as I got home and lay down, my baby came out. I told others about this experience but everybody couldn't believe..."

Yuhan has a son and a daughter, who both came to this world with Yuhan alone right after she returned from her medical visits.

What makes Yuhan proud and gratified is that because of her delivery assistance, many children in Haidong Village regard her as a "mother". Some children, under her influence, grow up and become doctors themselves. "Several doctors working in the county hospital and the epidemic prevention station were given birth under the help of me! And some of them work at the Red Cross after growing up."

After Yuhan retires, her daughter-in-law took over her job as a village doctor. Although this hardworking lady is as enthusiastic and solid in skills as Dr. Yuhan, many villagers, who have been enjoying Dr. Yuhan's service for decades, still come to Yuhan when needing to see a doctor.

"They will call me to check if I am in the health center before they come." Although Dr. Yuhan has retired, as long as she is there, the villagers will feel safe.



△ Villagers trust Doctor Yuhan



## Saving the snowlanders with the warmth of 14,512 hearts

Article: Huang Jieyu   Captions & Photos: Shu Junsong, Cui Yazhou



**O**n February 11th, Amity Foundation launched an online fundraising campaign to support disaster relief after the Yushu snowstorm. In a matter of days, 14,512 people altogether donated a total of RMB 567,954.28; raised to purchase resources for yak in the post-disaster areas.

From February 22nd to February 28th, Shu Junsong and Cui Yazhou (members of the Community Development and Disaster Management Team in Amity Foundation), travelled to Yushu, a county that had been attacked by severe snowstorms. With help from Amity's local volunteers, i.e. the Snowland Great Rivers Environmental

Protection Association and four volunteer groups, Junsong and Yazhou were able to go to 16 different villages in 6 counties and bring 9,000 sets of foraging grass to about 1,000 herdsman families. "We want to help them get through this difficult situation after the snowstorm," said one of the team members.

### One task in 18 days

"In fact, we did all of this in only 18 days -- to help as many animals as we could and help the locals cope with all the challenges." Shu Junsong recalled afterwards.



△ Loading foraging grass



Junsong was familiar with the San Jiang Yuan Region: “I’ve been to San Jiang Yuan several times for disaster relief work, but the snowstorm this time really posed a threat to the local environment.” The snow became too thick for animals to travel through. The local villagers had no choice but to bring foraging grass to the animals and cover them with blankets. “The villagers told me that the snowstorm was beyond control.” said Junsong.

The San Jiang Yuan Region has an altitude of over 4,000 meters and the temperature was freezing. Undoubtedly, bringing materials to the local communities from one village to another was a big challenge. “We couldn’t have completed the task without the support of local partners and volunteers.” said Junsong. They first used trucks to

send all the foraging grass to a distribution point. “Then,” said Junsong, “we notified the families nearby to come over and retrieve the grass, or, we would deliver the grass on foot to those who lived far away from the distribution point.” When asked about the weight of a single bundle of foraging grass, Junsong replied, “20 kilograms.”

The local villagers protected the wild animals with much respect and love. “Once on the trip to a local village, the driver suddenly stopped the truck. Volunteers spoke rapidly in dialect, got off the truck, and got down to the wheels. It seemed like they were looking for something,” said Junsong. “Later I found out that the driver braked in order to avoid running over a scampering mountain pika in front of the truck.”



△ Volunteers helping a mountain pika

The herdsmen wanted to give back to the land that had raised them, and Amity was there to assist the local villagers in coping with the challenges. Amity brought social awareness and took on great efforts towards disaster relief and fundraising. Amity hopes the 18 days' effort would promote greater awareness of the area to the outside world. As Jane Goodall once said: Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help, shall they be saved”.



△ Delivering foraging grass to families on foot

### We met a group of superheroes.

“This is not my first time at Yushu,” said Cui Yazhou. “In 2011, the second day after I got married, I went to Yushu to assist the earthquake relief efforts. This is why I have special attachment to the land.” This time, however, was the most unforgettable time. He was deeply moved by the local partners and volunteers during the disaster relief.

As soon as Junsong and Yazhou, along with local partners and volunteers, arrived at Yushu, they began with the rescue. At 8am, the team loaded the truck and got on the way to the distribution point. At 2pm, the team arrived at the distribution point, unloaded the foraging grass and distributed it on foot to the families living far away. At 11pm, they came back to the county's downtown area. Repeating this process, the team worked from day til night

for 18 days. “We had to walk for at least 10 km on a daily basis,” said Yazhou. To save time, the team barely had time to stop for a simple meal.

Yazhou expressed pride in a volunteer called Cai Rangong. Cai Rangong joined the rescue team during Chinese New Year. When Amity and its partners arrived, he was already there waiting; and when Amity finished its work, he stayed. “He is a true iron man,” said Yazhou. “There was one time that Cai Rangong offered to help the driver to drive the truck at night, but after offering, he himself fell asleep from exhaustion.”

The snowstorm brought difficulty for trucks travelling on the road. “We often had to shovel the snow each time the truck got stuck in the snow. Especially during the night, we put an arm and a leg into the work – nobody wanted to spend the night in the snow.”

Throughout the entire trip, Amity staff, local partners, and volunteers helped each other to overcome the challenges. Even though some volunteers' own communities were influenced by the storm, they still insisted on helping with the relief. “And we also have ‘iron women’. These respectable female volunteers, though less strong, also carried 20kg of foraging grass and walked 10km each day.”



△ Moving forward by pushing the pickup in poor road conditions



“Our partners and volunteers are indeed superhuman!” Yazhou told us. “Some of them even don’t know what the downtown area looks like. Why? Because they started work before sunrise and came back during the night,” smiled Yazhou. “We really appreciate our partners’ contribution,” added Junsong. “They are even busier. Every night they returned to the county, there would still be piles and piles of materials and documents waiting on them to deal with. They often worked until sunrise.”

“They are superheroes!” exclaimed Junsong and Yazhou.



△ Local partners and volunteers with Amity staff

## ACT Alliance visits Amity



△ Mr Rudelmar Bueno de Faria and Mr Anoop Sukumaran visiting Amity

On March 7, 2019, Mr Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary of the ACT Alliance (International Alliance for Disaster and Development), and Mr Anoop Sukumaran, Regional Representative for the Asia/Pacific region, visited the Amity Foundation to exchange views and discuss future developments and cooperation. Mr. Faria emphasized ACT's global network and increasingly future cooperation with the United Nations. He expressed his hope that in the future, there will be more and more cooperation between Amity and ACT Alliance.

Mr Qiu Zhonghui pointed out that Amity remains grateful, not only with the funds received from ACT Alliance, but

also for technical experience and professional assistance. He wishes that Amity will develop more opportunities of cooperation with ACT and member organizations to promote development in areas including humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and community development.

Amity's General Secretary Ling Chunxiang conveyed her proudness and honor for Amity to serve as a member of ACT. She further expressed Amity's plan to participate in ACT forums actively and share experience with other ACT members to enable development of all, in order to bring better services for people in need.

The Amity Foundation is one of the founding members





△ Mr Qiu, Chair of the Amity Foundation, presenting Mr Faria a welcome gift after the discussion and exchange session with Amity staff

of ACT Alliance. Since the mid-1990s, the Amity Foundation has received continuous funding and capacity support for disaster management and humanitarian relief. In addition, the Alliance also played an important role in Amity's 'Going Global Strategy' and to carry out relief and poverty alleviation work overseas.

After visiting Nanjing, Amity's Chair Mr Qiu Zhonghui and General Secretary Ling Chunxiang, accompanied the guests to Beijing. There, they met with the UNHCR country representative in China, the China Charity Alliance, the regional office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the China NGO Network for International Exchange.



△ Mr Rudelmar Bueno de Faria and Mr Anoop Sukumaran visiting Amity Printing



## Football 1+1 workshop trains the trainer



△ Amity AIDS prevention program promotes community-based inclusion

**O**n March 11, Amity started a four-day training workshop in Nanjing to train soccer trainers from 25 schools in Jiangsu, Anhui and Qinghai provinces. Bruno, a trainer from the Inter Academy, the football club's youth program, gave professional and advanced methods of coaching youths and children football.



Besides practical training methods, Bruno also introduced Inter Academy training concepts and philosophy to the Chinese trainers. Respect for others, active participation in the life of the group, exchanging ideas and sharing in victory or defeat, as an individual and collective learning experience, all play a central role in our Academy. Our kids will become excellent citizens and brothers of the world.” the website states.

Hewen, Amity's Associate Deputy General Secretary of the Amity Foundation, pointed out the central concept of justice of the Football 1+1 project, which is a joint program of Amity and Amity's long-term partner Sunning: “This project provides opportunities for children from more rural areas and for migrant workers children to get in touch with soccer. They can learn and enjoy football and narrow the education gap among rural and urban areas.”

## Qiu Zhonghui appointed as provincial counselor



△ Governor Wu Zhenglong presenting Mr. Qiu a certificate of appointment

On Jan. 25, 2019, in the ceremony engaging new counselors to the government of Jiangsu Province, Mr Wu Zhenglong, Governor of Jiangsu Province, bestowed appointment letters to 15 newly appointed counselors. Among them was Mr Qiu Zhonghui, Chair of board of the Amity Foundation. Mr Qiu's appointment was made in September 2018.

During a speech, Governor Wu Zhenglong gave congratulations to the new counselors, pointed out the importance and positive contribution of China's counseling system. Counselors to the government are supporting decision makers with expertise and functioning as a “think tank”. The major role of Counselors Office is to participate in the discussion of public affairs, make recommendations, consult on state affairs, undertake democratic supervision and forge friendship. In most cases, counselors are renowned for great talent, virtue and reputation.

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