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## **Supporting Poverty Alleviation through Education**

### ***OSI Joins Hands with Beijing Bailie University to Sponsor 2018 Bailie-OSI Spring Bud Class***

**Shanghai, China, November 23, 2018** – OSI was proud to join with Beijing Bailie University to sponsor the 2018 Bailie-OSI Spring Bud Class, which held its opening ceremony at Beijing Bailie University this week. About 200 representatives from the China Children and Teenagers' Fund (CCTF), Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Bailie University, OSI Group, and other relevant institutions attended the event.

Beijing Bailie University established the first Spring Bud College Class among the country's higher education institutions as early as 2001, under guidance from the National Women's Federation and CCTF. This class aims to provide quality education to female students from poverty-stricken regions who have great potential to reduce the level of poverty. In response to the Chinese government calling for poverty alleviation, OSI Group has devoted efforts and resources to this national strategic initiative in recent years. In May 2018 the company signed a collaborative memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bailie University to jointly establish a Bailie-OSI Spring Bud Class.

Assistant Secretary General and Director of Program Management Department at CCTF, Hu Wenxin, recognized Bailie University's long-term support of female students from underprivileged areas, and also highly praised OSI's sponsorship of the Spring Bud Class. He commended OSI's corporate responsibility, noting how the company gives back to society in a meaningful way beyond its daily operations. He also applauded Bailie University's robust support of the Spring Bud program and its exemplary role in reducing poverty through education.

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Bailie University President Niu Weilin also spoke highly of OSI's sponsorship, stating that OSI demonstrates outstanding corporate social responsibility as a leading worldwide food supplier. As a global leader in the meat processing industry, OSI adheres to the core focus of being "In China, For China" and has made significant investments in its operations since entering in China in 1991.

"It is our honor to be able to contribute to the 2018 Bailie-OSI Spring Bud program and help continue to provide access to quality education for female students from underprivileged backgrounds," said Brent Afman, OSI Senior Vice President and Managing Director of OSI Asia Pacific. "Like President Xi Jinping has outlined, education is a key driver to alleviate poverty and it will ultimately help to secure the nation's future prosperity. This sentiment really resonates with OSI as a food manufacturing business. We want not only to provide nutritious and innovative food solutions, but look beyond to improving access to quality education, because quality education has the ability to not only benefit individuals, but also uplift families, whole communities and the entire nation." Mr. Afman encouraged all Spring Bud Students to be fearless in the pursuit of dreams, to embrace all opportunities, and never give up.



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