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Australian Homestay Network opens office in China International homestay alliance expands global reach

BEIJING, China – 28 March 2018: Leading international student homestay provider, the <u>Australian Homestay Network</u> (AHN), has enhanced its global presence with the opening of a new office in central Beijing.

Chinese students planning to study in Australia and the USA now have local support to find quality homestay accommodation.

The office in China Central Place will provide parents, agents and students with easy access to services from AHN and its U.S. counterpart, the <u>American Homestay Network</u> (AHN-USA).

The group has a reputation for developing global standards for homestay, ensuring students have a safe, welcoming and fulfilling experience while they study abroad. More than 40,000 students from 173 countries have been matched with AHN-approved homestay hosts throughout Australia and the United States.

CEO of AHN, Julie Manche, said opening the office would enable more Chinese students and agents to benefit from their world-class offering.

"Chinese students account for the largest proportion of international students to both Australia and the USA," Ms Manche said.

"We identified the need to make our services more accessible in China to facilitate the process of studying overseas.

"An enormous amount of time and effort goes into finding quality accommodation.

"For many students, it's their first time living away from home. Parents want to know their child will be safe and for the student, feeling comfortable and welcomed in their new country is key to a positive experience," she said.

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Foreign student service providers like AHN rarely establish offices in China. Delivering on-theground information and support to outgoing students is already having an impact for AHN.

"Clients have been responding well since we opened the office on 1 February," Ms Manche said.

"While demand is highest for our homestay services, we also offer fully tailored packages for study tour groups, which is becoming increasingly popular with education agents and schools."

Agents, students and their parents are welcome to visit the AHN team at Suite 956, Level 9 of Tower 2 in China Central Place.

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ABOUT US

Australian Homestay Network and American Homestay Network are the most recognised international student homestay providers in the world. We match AHN-certified hosts with visiting international students to provide the highest quality homestay experience while they study overseas. Since 2008, AHN has placed over 40,000 students from 173 countries in homestay accommodation throughout Australian and the United States. AHN is the industry leader, dedicated to delivering global standards, technology and best practices across its network of services.