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AWP Greater China Partners with Allianz France Accelerator Program to Explore Innovative Development

Hosted by Allianz Worldwide Partners (AWP) Greater China and Allianz France Accelerator Program, four start-ups from France completed a two-week exploration tour in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen in April. During the visit, they engaged with leading Chinese innovators to learn about Chinese digital, innovation and investment ecosystems.

Allianz France Accelerator Program is dedicated to innovative development in big data, sharing economy, IOT and wearables, E-travel and health. With an incubator-like setup, selected start-up companies are offered resources such as workplaces, structured guidance in business models and strategies, mentors and experts, and investors. The start-ups may also be offered a strategic partnership with Allianz or an opportunity to test their solutions on the international stage.

During their tour in China, the four start-ups visited the head office of AWP Greater China and had discussions with the top management on block-chain technologies, big data, telematics/smart cities, connectivity in medical services and the influence on the insurance, assistance, financial and healthcare sectors. These start-ups also visited some of China's entrepreneurial incubators and leading innovators in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. During these visits, the representatives discussed Chinese entrepreneurial culture, as well as opportunities for Chinese start-ups to have overseas operations and form partnerships with French start-ups.

The Allianz Accelerator Tour in China enabled these French start-ups to develop a better understanding of China's business ecosystems, entrepreneurial models and market conditions. At the same time, it also helped Chinese partners to form a better understanding of Allianz Worldwide Partners and the start-ups to explore new joint business ideas.

Mr. Christophe Aniel, CEO of AWP Greater China, expressed that Allianz Worldwide Partners attaches great importance to innovation and sustainable development, not only in-house but also through supporting innovators' development. With initiatives such as the Allianz Accelerator Tour in China, AWP Greater China aims to provide more innovative services and solutions to its partners and customers.

About Allianz Worldwide Partners

Dedicated to bringing worldwide protection and care, Allianz Worldwide Partners, previously as Allianz Global Assistance, is the B2B2C leader in assistance and insurance solutions in the following areas of expertise: global assistance, international health & life, global automotive and travel insurance. These solutions, which are a unique combination of insurance, service and technology, are available to business partners or via direct and digital channels under three internationally

renowned brands: Allianz Global Assistance, Allianz Worldwide Care and Allianz Global Automotive. This global family of over 16 000 employees is present in 75 countries, speaks 70 languages and handles over 40 million cases per year*, protecting customers and employees on all continents. We opened our China business unit in 2003 as a wholly foreign owned company in Beijing. As the first assistance company in China certified with ISO9001:2008; upgraded with ISO9001:2015 in 2017, today AWP is the leading provider of outsourced roadside services in mainland China. With our national provider network and advanced technologies, we've been consistently working on providing more excellent, efficient and secured solutions, creating more values for your clients and customers.

*For 2015, excluding Global Automotive