Tongwei Group is a leading technologically advanced private enterprise based in China that focuses on agriculture and clean energy. Tongwei Group is partnering with associations, governments and universities to provide monetary and in-kind donations of household electricity especially in poverty-stricken areas or after natural disasters, donating toward infrastructure projects and a variety of other philanthropic activities within their sector.
Tongwei Group is engaged in agriculture and clean energy businesses, which means that sustainability is already very deeply embedded in the corporate culture and is implicit in the conduct of its core business.

The company maintains a core philosophy: ‘for a better life’, which is a guiding principle in its growth, and has identified economic and social initiatives that can support this philosophy.

The group would like to learn more about opportunities for partnering with the UN in China where there is limited awareness of how business can partner with the UN on the SDGs.

**Alignment with Core Business**

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**Engagement with External Partners**

1. Core business focused on responsible agriculture and new energy.
2. Working with local and national government for emergency response, donations to poor areas and building of infrastructure.
SUPPORTING THE SDGS

The following are two illustrative examples of initiatives that are supporting the SDGs.

Philanthropy Programme

**Partners: Chinese Government**

Tongwei Group has been engaged in a variety of philanthropic activities for over 20 years.

Tongwei Group has partnered with the Chinese government and related organisations such as the China Democratic Association to give donations in response to natural disasters such as earthquakes or to provide free power generation stations for students in the regions of Western China and Tibet. This programme, called the China Siyuan Programme, was launched in 2007 by the China Democratic National Construction Association, focusing on regions with densely inhabited areas of ethnic minorities.

Additionally, Tongwei has provided financial assistance to 2,000 poor students and teachers in impoverished areas of Sichuan through its Hope Project Award Fund, donated financially to Sichuan Agricultural University for the construction of lecture halls and donated money for flood-stricken provinces in Hunan and Hubei provinces in 1998. In 2009, Tongwei gave a monetary gift of 12.5 million RMB to Sichuan Province after a major earthquake and donated 1 million RMB to build a road in the area of Bazhong.

Today, the total value of Tongwei’s donation has exceeded 300 million RMB and many projects have been carried out with their financial and in-kind assistance.

Core Business Activities

Tongwei’s quickly growing and profitable core business activity is in responsible agriculture and clean energy. This in itself inherently contributes to the SDG of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

In recent years, Tongwei has been making considerable investments in the polycrystalline silicon and solar PV industry with the goal of becoming a world-class solar PV enterprise and clean energy company.

Much of the research done within the company on new energy is also made available to third parties with the goal of translating scientific research into productivity. Tongwei will, for example, bring farmers into their research to give them an in-depth understanding of what is under study and teach them new methods that are suggested by research to boost effectiveness or are more sustainable practices.

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