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Leader Education Limited

立德教育股份有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH NEURALFIN

This announcement is made by Leader Education Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) on a voluntary basis to keep the shareholders of the Company and potential investors informed of the latest business development of the Group.

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of the Company is pleased to announce that, on 24 August 2026 (after trading hours), the Company entered into a strategic cooperation agreement (the “**Strategic Cooperation Agreement**”) with NeuralFin Technology Limited (“**NeuralFin**”), pursuant to which the Company and NeuralFin agreed to establish a strategic cooperation relationship in the field of artificial intelligence (“**AI**”) education.

STRATEGIC COOPERATION

Principal scope of cooperation

Pursuant to the Strategic Cooperation Agreement, the Company and NeuralFin intend to cooperate in the AI education field, including but not limited to the following areas:

- (i) jointly designing and developing AI-related courses, teaching modules, micro-credentials, degree or diploma programmes, and exploring the integration of AI with traditional disciplines;
- (ii) developing or optimising AI education platforms with functions such as content management, intelligent recommendation and learning analytics, with NeuralFin providing AI technology, platform capability, algorithm support and technical assistance;
- (iii) co-creating AI teaching content, case libraries, practicum projects and teaching tools, and promoting knowledge accumulation and resource sharing;
- (iv) carrying out faculty AI literacy training, teaching capability enhancement programmes and related teaching and research activities;

- (v) deploying and validating AI technologies in actual teaching scenarios by leveraging the Group's higher education resources and teaching environment; and
- (vi) exploring other AI education-related cooperation opportunities, including technology licensing, joint operations, research projects, industry exchange and brand collaboration.

The Board believes that the Strategic Cooperation will support the Group's efforts in digital and intelligent transformation of education and teaching, enrich its teaching offerings, improve teaching efficiency and strengthen the Group's long-term competitiveness in the higher education market.

The Strategic Cooperation Agreement is a framework agreement intended to set out the direction and principles of cooperation between the parties. It does not, by itself, constitute a legally enforceable agreement in respect of any specific business project, and the detailed rights and obligations of the parties in relation to specific projects will be subject to further definitive agreements to be entered into between the relevant parties as and when appropriate.

INFORMATION ON NEURALFIN

NeuralFin is a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and a wholly-owned subsidiary of NeuralFin Technology (Cayman) Limited, which is indirectly owned as to approximately 34.32% by DL Holdings Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 1709), owned as to approximately 1.05% by Shuren Education Limited which is wholly owned by Ms. Dong Ling, executive Director and a controlling shareholder of the Company, and owned as to approximately 3.30% by the Company. NeuralFin, a deep collaborative platform on the digital service end, possesses expertise and technical accumulation in AI technology, intelligent platforms and AI applications, and the parties intend to leverage such capabilities for cooperation in the higher education sector.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiries, save as disclosed above, DL Holdings, NeuralFin and their respective ultimate beneficial owners are third parties independent of the Company and its connected persons.

REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE STRATEGIC COOPERATION

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of private higher education services in the PRC. As disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 24 July 2026 and 14 August 2026 relating to the placing completed on 14 August 2026, the Company has been pursuing digitalisation and intelligent transformation in education and teaching, and intended to apply a substantial portion of the net proceeds from the placing towards the development of its digital and intelligent education and teaching business.

The Board considers that AI is reshaping higher education in areas such as teaching delivery, content generation, training methodology and talent cultivation, and that the Strategic Cooperation represents an important step for the Group in advancing the application of AI in its education business. According to the Strategic Cooperation Agreement, the parties intend to combine the Group's higher education resources, teaching system, faculty support and student base with NeuralFin's AI technology, intelligent platform and application capabilities, with a view to exploring innovative AI-enabled education models and fostering long-term development.

The Board considers that the Strategic Cooperation is consistent with the Group's development direction in digital and intelligent education and is expected to facilitate the Group's exploration of AI-enabled teaching, curriculum innovation, intelligent educational tools and practical training systems. The Strategic Cooperation also provides a framework for the parties to explore concrete cooperation projects in teaching, technology and content development. The Board is of the view that the Strategic Cooperation is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

By order of the Board
Leader Education Limited
Liu Laixiang
Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 August 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Liu Laixiang, Ms. Dong Ling, Mr. Wang Yunfu and Mr. Lu Jun; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Zhang Su, Mr. Chan Ngai Fan and Mr. Xu Xiong.