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For the month of December 2021

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# RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN LTD

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN LTD

By: /s/ Alex Wu

Name: Alex Wu

Title: Acting Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 1, 2021

# **Exhibit Index**

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release
Exhibit 99.2	English translation of Purchase Agreement among RISE Education Cayman Ltd, Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd., RISE Education International Limited, Rise (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd., Beijing Step Ahead Education Technology Development Co., Ltd. and Rise IP (Cayman) Limited, dated December 1, 2021
Exhibit 99.3	Share Purchase Agreement among RISE Education Cayman Ltd, Rise Education Cayman I Ltd and Bain Capital Rise Education IV Cayman Limited, dated December 1, 2021

# RISE Education Reaches Definitive Agreements for the Sale of Rise (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd., RISE Education International Limited and Rise IP (Cayman) Limited

BEIJING, December 1, 2021 –RISE Education Cayman Ltd ("RISE" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: REDU), today announced that on December 1, 2021, the Company, Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd. (the "Buyer SPV"), Rise (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd. ("WFOE"), Beijing Step Ahead Education Technology Development Co., Ltd. ("VIE"), RISE Education International Limited ("Rise HK") and Rise IP (Cayman) Limited ("Rise IP") entered into a purchase agreement (the "WFOE Purchase Agreement"). The Buyer SPV is a newly-formed limited liability company controlled by the buyer consortium (the "Buyer Consortium") consisting of certain franchisees of the Company and an affiliate of the Company's senior management, who are PRC nationals.

Pursuant to the WFOE Purchase Agreement, the Company has agreed to, through Rise HK, sell all of the equity interests in WFOE to the Buyer Consortium (the "WFOE Sale"), in consideration of the Buyer Consortium (i) paying to Rise HK a nominal consideration, and (ii) assuming all liabilities of WFOE and its subsidiaries. Conditions precedent to the WFOE Sale include, among others, (i) Rise HK and Rise IP shall grant WFOE or other entities designated by the Buyer Consortium a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable and exclusive license over all intellectual property rights owned by or licensed to Rise HK and/ or Rise IP, (ii) the Company shall make an additional capital contribution to WFOE in US dollars equivalent of RMB20 million, and (iii) the lenders (the "Lenders") of the facilities agreement dated March 18, 2021 relating to the term and revolving facilities of up to an aggregate amount of US\$80,000,000 (the "Facilities Agreement") shall have released the applicable guarantees, obligations and equity pledges provided by WFOE and VIE. In addition, the Buyer SPV and its affiliates warrant that they will have no less than RMB100,000,000 at the closing of the WFOE Sale to fund the business operations of WFOE and its subsidiaries after completion of the Sale. For more details of the WFOE Sale, please refer to Exhibit 99.2 for the English translation of the WFOE Purchase Agreement.

On the same day, the Company entered into a share purchase agreement (the "IP Holdco Purchase Agreement") with Rise Education Cayman I Ltd (the "IP Seller") and Bain Capital Rise Education IV Cayman Limited, a major shareholder of the Company (the "Shareholder"). The IP Seller is also the borrower (the "Borrower") under the Facilities Agreement. Pursuant to the IP Holdco Purchase Agreement, the Company and the IP Seller have agreed to sell all of the equity interests in Rise HK and Rise IP to the Shareholder in consideration of the Shareholder (i) on behalf of the Borrower, paying US\$2,500,000 to the Lenders in settlement of the Facilities Agreement, and (ii) causing Rise HK and Rise IP to grant WFOE or other entities designated by the Buyer Consortium a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable and exclusive license over all intellectual property rights owned by or licensed to Rise HK and/or Rise IP (the "IP Sale", and together with the WFOE Sale, the "Sale"). The IP Sale is subject to, among other customary conditions precedent, the completion of the WFOE Sale. For more details of the IP Sale, please refer to Exhibit 99.3 for the complete text of the IP Holdco Purchase Agreement.

In connection with the Sale, the Borrower, WFOE, VIE and the Shareholder and certain other parties entered into a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with the Lenders on December 1, 2021. Under the Settlement Agreement, the Lenders agreed to (i) acknowledge and consent to the Sale, (ii) discharge and release all liabilities and obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the Facilities Agreement in the amount of US\$55,746,367.04; (iii) terminate, release and discharge all security interest, guarantee and indemnity created in connection with the Facilities Agreement; and (iv) waive, release and discharge all claims arising from or in connection with the Facilities Agreement, in exchange for (i) an aggregate amount of US\$10,377,972.06, and (ii) the transfer of all interest in the Edge business (the "Edge Business") that offers admission consulting, academic tutoring and test preparation services in Hong Kong and Singapore for students who intend to study abroad to a person nominated by the Lenders, and the obligation of the Borrower and the Shareholder to use their respective reasonable endeavors to run and manage the sale of the Edge Business to a third party for the 12 months following completion of the settlement contemplated under the Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement"). The Settlement is subject to, among other customary conditions precedent, the credit approval for each Lender, which the Lenders undertake to take all reasonable actions and steps required to obtain on or before December 17, 2021.

In order for the Company to make the settlement payment under the Settlement Agreement, make an additional capital contribution to WFOE pursuant to the WFOE Purchase Agreement and pay for certain operating expenses, the Company entered into a convertible loan deed with the Shareholder on December 1, 2021 (the "Convertible Loan Deed"), pursuant to which the Shareholder will provide an interest-free convertible loan of US\$17 million to the Company for a period of 360 days, convertible into ordinary shares of the Company at US\$0.35 per share, or US\$0.70 per ADS, representing a premium of 10% over the volume weighted average closing price of the Company's ADSs (each representing two ordinary shares) published on the relevant page on Bloomberg that shows such price on each day for a period of ten trading days prior to the date of the Convertible Loan Deed (the "Convertible Loan"). In addition, at any time prior to the date falling 30 days after the date of the Convertible Loan Deed (the "Solicitation Period"), the Company has the right to solicit and raise alternative financing and prepay any drawn portion of the Convertible Loan and cancel any undrawn portion of the Convertible Loan in full with proceeds from such alternative financing. The Shareholder shall not have the right to convert the Convertible Loan during the Solicitation Period.

Upon completion of the Sale, the Company would have, through its subsidiaries, sold substantially all of its assets. The Sale is conditioned upon receiving approval from Company's shareholders. The Company will convene an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders to consider and approve the Sale as described above. Pursuant to the terms of an irrevocable voting undertaking dated December 1, 2021 by and between the Shareholder and the Buyer SPV, the Shareholder will vote all of the ordinary shares of the Company it holds, or 70,800,808 ordinary shares representing 62.7% of the voting power of the Company's outstanding shares, in favor of the Sale at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company.

The closing of the Sale is not certain. There is no assurance that all conditions precedent to the closing of the Sale will be satisfied or waived. The WFOE Purchase Agreement may be terminated upon mutual agreement among the parties thereto or if the closing of the WFOE Sale does not take place within three months following the execution of the WFOE Purchase Agreement. The IP Holdco Purchase Agreement may be terminated upon mutual agreement among the parties thereto or if the closing of the IP Sale does not take place within three months following the execution of the IP Holdco Purchase Agreement.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains statements of a forward-looking nature. These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these forward-looking statements by terminology such as "will," "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates" and similar statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about RISE and the industry. All information provided in this press release is as of the date hereof, and RISE undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent occurring events or circumstances, or changes in its expectations, except as may be required by law. Although RISE believes that the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot assure you that its expectations will turn out to be correct, and investors are cautioned that actual results may differ materially from the anticipated results.

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By and among

Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd.

And

**RISE Education International Limited** 

And

RISE (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd.

And

Beijing Step Ahead Education Technology Development Co., Ltd.

And

**RISE Education Cayman Ltd** 

And

Rise IP (Cayman) Limited

This Purchase Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into in Beijing, the People's Republic of China ("PRC") on December 1, 2021 by and among:

- Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd. (the "**Purchaser**"), a limited liability company duly incorporated and validly existing under A. the laws of the PRC;
- RISE Education International Limited ("**RISE Hong Kong**"), a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the B. Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- RISE (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd. ("Rise Tianjin" or the "Target"), a wholly foreign-owned enterprise duly C. incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the PRC;
- Beijing Step Ahead Education Technology Development Co., Ltd. ("**Beijing Step Ahead**"), a limited liability company duly incorporated D. and validly existing under the laws of the PRC;
- RISE Education Cayman Ltd ("**RISE Cayman**"), a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands; E. and
- F. Rise IP (Cayman) Limited ("**Rise IP**"), a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Purchaser, RISE Hong Kong, the Target, Beijing Step Ahead, RISE Cayman, and Rise IP are hereinafter individually referred to as a "**Party**" and collectively as the "**Parties**". Beijing Step Ahead and the entities controlled by it, directly or indirectly, are collectively referred to as "**Beijing Step Ahead Group**".

#### WHEREAS,

a. The registered capital of Rise Tianjin is US\$22 million. RISE Cayman indirectly holds 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin, and RISE Hong Kong directly holds 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin; the business scope of Rise Tianjin is: education information consulting services; self-funded overseas study consulting and intermediary services; corporate management consulting services; corporate image planning services; R&D, transfer, consulting, and services of English teaching courses; computer system integration; cultural and artistic exchange consulting services; cultural information consulting; business information consulting; corporate marketing planning services; conference consulting services; wholesale, import and export, commission agency (except for auction) of education software and computer software, toys, teaching aids, clothing and apparel; development, promotion, transfer, consulting, and services of software technology; book wholesale and retail business; conference services (businesses subject to statutory approval can only be carried out upon approval by competent authorities);

- b. The registered capital of Beijing Step Ahead is RMB2 million. Zhang Peng and Sun Yiding in aggregate hold 100% equity interests in Beijing Step Ahead. Zhang Peng subscribed an amount of capital contribution of RMB1.6 million, representing 80% equity interests in Beijing Step Ahead, and Sun Yiding subscribed an amount of capital contribution of RMB0.4 million, representing 20% equity interests in Beijing Step Ahead. The business scope of Beijing Step Ahead is: technology promotion services; education consulting; economic and trade consulting; computer graphic design and production; self-funded overseas study intermediary services; operation of telecommunications business; radio and television program production. (Market participants may at their discretions select and carry out businesses in accordance with the law; radio and television program production, operation of telecommunications business and other businesses subject to statutory approval shall be carried out based on the approved content upon approval by competent authorities; no businesses prohibited and restricted by national and municipal industrial policies may be carried out.);
- c. Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead executed a series of control agreements ("Control Agreements");
- d. The Target and Beijing Step Ahead have entered into a settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement") with CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. and its affiliates at the time of execution of this Agreement. In accordance with such Settlement Agreement, on or before the Closing Date of the Transaction (as defined below), CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. shall: (1) waive the guarantees and the pledge over the equity interests of the Target provided by the Target and Beijing Step Ahead to CTBC Bank Co., Ltd.; and (2) release all deposits of Rise Tianjin at CTBC Shanghai branch to a bank account designated by Rise Tianjin;
- e. RISE Hong Kong is entitled to the ownership of the independent intellectual property ("**Independent Intellectual Property**") as set out in Appendix 4;
- f. Rise IP obtains from third-party right holders the right to use the authorized intellectual property ("Authorized Intellectual Property") as set out in Appendix 4, and licenses such Authorized Intellectual Property to RISE Hong Kong for use, and in turn RISE Hong Kong licenses such Authorized Intellectual Property to Rise Tianjin for use;

- g. RISE Cayman's controlling shareholder or such controlling shareholder's affiliate shall purchase all equity interests of RISE Hong Kong and Rise IP through a third party designated by it;
- h. RISE Hong Kong intends (and RISE Cayman intends to procure RISE Hong Kong) to make an additional capital contribution in US dollars equivalent to RMB20 million to the Target on or before the Closing Date of the Transaction;
- i. The Purchaser intends to purchase from RISE Hong Kong all of its 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin ("Transaction"); and
- j. As of the Closing Date under this Agreement, the Purchaser will directly hold 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin, and actually control Beijing Step Ahead through the Control Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, through sufficient negotiation, the Parties agree to execute this Agreement for mutual compliance.

#### **Article 1 Target Equity Interests and Capital Increase Arrangement**

- 1.1 **Target Equity Interests.** RISE Hong Kong agrees to sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser agrees to purchase from RISE Hong Kong, 100% equity interests held by RISE Hong Kong in Rise Tianjin ("**Target Equity Interests**"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- 1.2 **Capital Increase.** RISE Hong Kong agrees that it will (and RISE Cayman will procure RISE Hong Kong to) make an additional capital contribution to Rise Tianjin in US dollars equivalent to RMB20 million on or before the Closing Date of the Transaction. The exchange rate between RMB and US dollar involved in such additional capital contribution shall be calculated based on the central parity of the exchange rate between RMB and US dollar announced by China Foreign Exchange Trade System as authorized by the People's Bank of China on the day when RISE Hong Kong actually pays the full additional contribution to Rise Tianjin (if, when such additional capital contribution is paid, the central parity of the exchange rate of the day has not been announced, the central parity of the exchange rate of the previous business day shall be applicable).

#### **Article 2 Consideration**

2.1 **Total Amount of Consideration.** The total amount of consideration for the Transaction will be RMB1 or in a foreign currency equivalent to RMB1 (collectively, "Consideration").

2.2 Payment of Consideration. The Parties agree that the Consideration will be paid by the Purchaser or its designated parties in one lump sum to the bank account designated by RISE Hong Kong in writing on the first business day from the date when all the conditions precedent set out in Section 4.1 are satisfied or waived by the relevant Parties ("Closing Date") or any other date agreed by the Parties. If the Purchaser pays the Consideration in a foreign currency, the amount of the Consideration in such foreign currency to be paid shall be calculated based on the central parity of the RMB exchange rate of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on the day when the Consideration is actually paid.

#### **Article 3 Closing of Transaction**

**Transfer of Target Equity Interests.** All the Parties hereby agree that the ownership of, and any rights and interests in connection with or arising from such ownership of the Target Equity Interests will be transferred from RISE Hong Kong to the Purchaser on the Closing Date, and will be enjoyed by the Purchaser thereafter.

#### **Article 4 Closing Conditions and Covenants**

#### 4.1 Closing Conditions

- 4.1.1 **General Conditions Precedent.** Performance by each Party of its obligations under this Agreement shall be preconditioned on the satisfaction of all of the followings unless waived by each of the Parties in writing:
  - (1) From the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date, there shall have been no newly promulgated or newly effective laws, regulations, rules, administrative orders or actions of government authorities (collectively "New Regulatory Measures") that will cause major adverse changes in the assets, operations, finances and personnel of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group; for the avoidance of doubt, "major adverse change" as in this Section 4.1.1(1) only means that the New Regulatory Measures promulgated or effected during the period from the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date will substantially result in that most of the businesses of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group cannot be or substantially cannot be operated after such New Regulatory Measures take effect, i.e., that the businesses of the Target or Beijing Step Ahead Group cannot be or substantially cannot be operated, because the amount of tuition fee refunds exceeds 70% of the prepaid tuition fees as shown in the consolidated statements of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group on the date of this Agreement or due to other similar circumstances, and Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group have used their best efforts to communicate with the regulatory authorities with respect to the refund matters and mitigate the adverse effect caused by the refunds or other similar circumstances;

- (2) There shall have been no effective laws and regulations that prohibit or materially hinder the completion of the Transaction or the license of intellectual property; there shall have been no regulatory or governmental proceedings, announced or threatened in writing, that may prohibit or materially hinder the completion of the Transaction or the license of intellectual property; and there shall have been no governmental investigations which will have a material adverse effect on the Target;
- (3) Each of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin, and Beijing Step Ahead has obtained necessary internal authorizations to approve the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated under this Agreement (including but not limited to the Transaction and the license of intellectual property, if applicable);
- (4) As of the Closing Date, the representations and warranties made by each of the Parties under this Agreement are true and accurate in all material respects, and each of the Parties has, in all material respects, performed and complied with the obligations and covenants required to be performed or complied with under this Agreement on or before the Closing Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Purchaser, on one side, and the other Parties, on the other side, may respectively confirm or waive satisfaction by the other side of the conditions precedent under this Section.
- 4.1.2 **Conditions Precedent to Payment of Consideration.** Subject to the satisfaction of the general conditions precedent set out in Section 4.1.1, the Purchaser's obligation to pay the Consideration shall be additionally preconditioned on the satisfaction or waiver by the Purchaser in writing of each of the following:
  - (1) **Intellectual Property License.** RISE Hong Kong and the Purchaser shall have executed a license agreement, in the form substantially consistent with Appendix 5 of this Agreement, to grant the Purchaser and/or its designated parties a perpetual, exclusive, sub-licensable, irrevocable and royalty-free license/authorization to use the Independent Intellectual Property; RISE Hong Kong and the Purchaser shall have executed a sub-authorization or sub-license agreement, in the form substantially consistent with Appendix 5 of this Agreement, to grant the Purchaser and/or its designated parties a royalty-free license/authorization to use the Authorized Intellectual Property;

- (2) **Capital Increase of Rise Tianjin.** RISE Hong Kong shall have made an additional capital contribution to Rise Tianjin in US dollars equivalent to RMB20 million in accordance with Section 1.2 of this Agreement;
- (3) **Waiver by CTBC.** CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. and other overseas syndicates (if applicable) shall have issued documents, waiving the guarantees and the pledge over the equity interests of the Target provided by the Target and Beijing Step Ahead to the aforesaid entities, and the pledge over the equity interests of Rise Tianjin shall have been released;
- (4) **Release of Rise Tianjin's Deposit.** CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. shall have released all deposits of Rise Tianjin at CTBC Shanghai branch to a bank account designated by Rise Tianjin;
- (5) **Waiver of Receivables and Payables of Rise Tianjin.** With respect to the receivables and payables of Rise Tianjin as set forth in Appendix 2, RISE Hong Kong shall have waived the balance after the set-off of the such payables against the receivables or other amount (if any) receivable from Rise Tianjin; and Rise Tianjin will continue to assume the payables due/undue as at the Closing Date under the contracts executed/proposed to be executed in the name of Rise Tianjin with the suppliers of RISE Cayman, RISE Hong Kong or Rise IP and waive its right of recovery against RISE Cayman, RISE Hong Kong or Rise IP; and
- (6) **Related Party Transactions.** RISE Hong Kong shall have terminated the related party transactions between it and Rise Tianjin as set forth in Appendix 1, and shall have executed termination agreements, in the form substantially consistent with Appendix 6.

#### 4.2 Covenants.

4.2.1 **Assistance.** The Parties shall take all necessary actions to facilitate the completion of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement, including but not limited to signing all reasonably necessary documents and instruments and completing required governmental approvals/filings. If, for the purpose of completing required governmental approval/filing, the Parties are required to execute any short form equity transfer agreement or other documents in the forms as required by the governmental authority, such short form documents shall be submitted to the governmental authority only for the purpose of completing relevant approval/filing formalities, and the subject matters contemplated under this Agreement as agreed upon by the Parties, and the rights and obligations hereunder shall be subject to this Agreement.

- 4.2.2 **Approval from RISE Cayman's Shareholders.** After the execution of this Agreement, RISE Cayman shall convene a shareholders' meeting as soon as practicable to approve the Transaction.
- 4.2.3 On or from the Closing Date, Rise Tianjin shall and the Parties shall cause Rise Tianjin to, as soon as practicable, submit the registration and filing of changes of business information with respect to the equity transfer of Rise Tianjin and relevant matters (including but not limited to the resignation of director(s) and supervisor(s) of Rise Tianjin, and amendments to the articles of association of Rise Tianjin) to Tianjin Administration for Market Regulation (天津市市场监督管理委员会) or its dispatched agency, and submit the application for cancellation of foreign exchange registration to the Tianjin Branch of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange or its dispatched agency, and complete such formalities as soon as practicable.
- 4.2.4 On or from the Closing Date, Beijing Step Ahead shall and the Parties shall procure Beijing Step Ahead to, as soon as practicable, submit the filing formalities of resignation and change of director(s) and supervisor(s) of Beijing Step Ahead to Beijing Administration for Market Regulation (北京市市场监管管理局) or its dispatched agency, and complete such formalities as soon as practicable.

#### **Article 5 Representations and Warranties**

- 5.1 **Representations and Warranties of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman and Rise IP.** In addition to the information publicly disclosed by RISE Cayman through the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman and Rise IP separately, jointly and severally make the following representations and warranties to the Purchaser on the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:
  - (1) **Shareholding Structure.** The shareholding structure related to the Target and Beijing Step Ahead is as follows:
    - (a) RISE Cayman holds 100% equity interests in RISE Education Cayman III Ltd (a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands);
    - (b) RISE Education Cayman III Ltd holds 100% equity interests in RISE Education Cayman I Ltd. (a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands);

- (c) RISE Education Cayman I Ltd holds 100% equity interests in RISE Hong Kong;
- (d) RISE Hong Kong holds 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin;
- (e) Zhang Peng holds 80% equity interests in Beijing Step Ahead, and Sun Yiding holds 20% equity interests in Beijing Step Ahead; and
- (f) Rise Tianjin, Beijing Step Ahead, Zhang Peng and Sun Yiding have entered into the Control Agreements, including the Facility Agreement, Call Option Agreement (Second Restatement), Entrustment Agreement (Second Restatement), Equity Pledge Agreement (Second Restatement), Business Operation Cooperative Agreement (Second Restatement) and other relevant documents, and Beijing Step Ahead Group is a consolidated subsidiary of RISE Cayman.
- (2) **Organization and Standing.** RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman and Rise IP are entities incorporated and validly existing under the laws of their places of incorporation. Each of Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead Group is a limited liability company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of PRC.
- (3) **RISE Hong Kong's Legal Rights to Target Equity Interests.** RISE Hong Kong legally holds 100% equity interests in Rise Tianjin; RISE Hong Kong is the sole legal owner of the aforesaid equity interests and has the right to transfer the Target Equity Interests. Except for this Agreement, the articles of association of Rise Tianjin, and the arrangement related to the loan provided by CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., RISE Hong Kong has not entered into any written or oral agreements, contracts or other arrangements with respect to the equity interests, voting rights, shareholder rights, disposal rights, control rights or conveyance of income of Rise Tianjin, or if any, such agreements, contracts or other arrangements have been terminated.
- (4) **No Defects.** Except for the equity pledge and call option created under the Control Agreements, and the arrangement related to the loan provided by CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., no encumbrances exist on any equity interests of Rise Tianjin and of Beijing Step Ahead Group, and there is no pending, threatened or possible dispute, claim, prosecution, arbitration, enforcement, administrative procedures or other legal procedures in any respects, which will have a material adverse effect on the completion of the Transaction.

- (5) Authorization; Effectiveness. RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead have all necessary powers and rights to execute this Agreement and perform the obligations hereunder; and subject to the provisions of Section 4.1.1 (3), each of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead has properly obtained all corporate authorizations and all other consents, permits, waivers or exemptions (if applicable) required by applicable laws for their execution of this Agreement and performance of their respective obligations hereunder. Once this Agreement comes into effect, it will constitute a legal, valid and binding document for RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead, enforceable against RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead to approve the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated under this Agreement (including but not limited to the Transaction and the license of intellectual property, if applicable), except for those otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule in Appendix 3 or under which failure to obtain such consent will not have a material adverse effect on the completion of the Transaction.
- (6) **No Conflict.** Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead, nor the performance of the obligations under this Agreement by RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead will, (a) result in violation of any relevant PRC laws; (b) if the approval for the Transaction has been obtained from RISE Cayman's shareholders, conflict with the articles of association or other constitutional documents of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise Tianjin, Rise IP and Beijing Step Ahead Group; (c) result in violation of any material contract or document to which any of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise IP, Rise Tianjin or Beijing Step Ahead Group is a party or which is binding upon any of the foregoing entities or document to which any of the foregoing entities is a party or which is binding upon any of the foregoing entities; except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule in Appendix 3, or, with respect to (a) and (c), the violations or defaults which will not have a material adverse effect on RISE Cayman and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or which will not have a material adverse effect on the performance of the Transaction.

(7) **Legal and Administrative Proceedings.** Except for the circumstances otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule in Appendix 3 or the circumstances which will not have a material adverse effect on the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group, as a whole, (a) there are no pending or, to the knowledge of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise Tianjin, Rise IP and Beijing Step Ahead, any written threatened legal or administrative proceedings initiated against or affecting the Target or Beijing Step Ahead Group or their properties, rights, licensing rights, operations or businesses; (b) to the knowledge of RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman, Rise Tianjin, Rise IP and Beijing Step Ahead, there are no events, situations or circumstances that may directly or indirectly lead to the commencement of, or provide a basis for, the legal or administrative procedures under (a) above; (c) in the past five years, the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group have been and are still complying with all laws and regulations applicable to their business operations or asset management and have not violated any applicable PRC laws; (d) in the past three years, the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group have never received any written notice from any person (including any governmental administrative authority) about any violation of laws by the Target or Beijing Step Ahead Group.

#### (8) Taxation Compliance:

- (a) Compliance with Tax Laws. Except for matters as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule in Appendix 3 or that are not material to the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group, as a whole, (a) the financial system, the management and use of account books, vouchers and invoices, and the tax declaration of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group are in compliance with the requirements of the PRC's finance and taxation laws and regulations, and there are no owed tax, late tax payment, tax evasion, tax fraud, transfer pricing or any other violations of tax laws and regulations; (b) all such tax returns and reports are true, correct and complete in all respects, and the taxable amount, applicable tax rate and allowable pre-tax deduction items recorded on such tax payment certificates and reports are free from falsehoods and errors; and (c) all tax incentives (if any) currently enjoyed by the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group are legally valid and will continue to be valid during the validity period.
- (b) **No Tax Penalties.** Except for matters as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Schedule in Appendix 3 or that are not material to the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group, as a whole, (a) the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group have complied with tax laws in all respects (including but not limited to business operations, service provision, performance of the Control Agreements, and product sales), and have made tax declarations and payments on time and in full amount in accordance with applicable laws; (b) all tax returns and reports related to the taxes of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group that are required to be submitted in accordance with laws have been submitted on time (including those related to withholding taxes), and all the taxes due and payable have been paid in full amount. The Target or Beijing Step Ahead Group has not been interviewed or punished by any governmental authority for violating applicable tax laws, and there are no facts or circumstances that may lead to the foregoing situations.

#### (9) Intellectual Property.

- (a) **List of Intellectual Property.** The Independent Intellectual Property and Authorized Intellectual Property as set forth in Appendix 4 truly and accurately reflect all licensed material intellectual properties required for the businesses currently conducted by or in connection with the business operation of Rise Tianjin and Beijing Step Ahead Group.
- (b) **Authorized Intellectual Property.** On the execution date of this Agreement, RISE Hong Kong has obtained a legal and effective authorization for the Authorized Intellectual Property without infringing on any third party's intellectual property rights or other rights and/or interests, and there are no existing or potential third-party lawsuits, arbitrations, claims or claims of rights or other disputes that may restrict the use of the Authorized Intellectual Property by Rise Tianjin or Beijing Step Ahead.
- (c) **Independent Intellectual Property.** On the execution date of this Agreement, RISE Hong Kong has a full ownership of the Independent Intellectual Property which is not affected by or subject to any encumbrances, does not infringe any third party's intellectual property rights or other rights and/or interests, and there are no existing or potential lawsuits, arbitrations, claims or claims of rights or other disputes with any entities in respect of intellectual properties.
- 5.2 **Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser.** The Purchaser shall make the following representations and warranties to RISE Hong Kong, RISE Cayman and Rise IP on the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date (unless otherwise provided below):
  - (1) **Organization and Standing.** The Purchaser is a limited liability company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the PRC, and in a good standing.

- Authorization; Effectiveness. The Purchaser has all necessary powers and authorities to execute this Agreement and perform its obligations hereunder. The Purchaser has properly and legally obtained all corporate authorizations and all other consents, permits, waivers or exemptions required by applicable laws for its execution of this Agreement and its performance of obligations hereunder. Once this Agreement comes into force, it will constitute a legal, valid and binding document for the Purchaser, enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms. No third-party consent is required for the Purchaser to approve the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated under this Agreement (including but not limited to the Transaction and the license of intellectual property, if applicable), except for those under which failure to obtain such consent will not have a material adverse effect on the completion of the Transaction.
- (3) **No Hindrance.** There is no existing matter that causes or may cause any delay, restriction or hindrance to the Purchaser's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (4) **No Conflict.** Neither the Purchaser's execution and delivery of this Agreement nor its performance of obligations hereunder will: (a) result in violation of any relevant PRC laws; (b) conflict with the Purchaser's articles of association or other constitutional documents; (c) result in violation of any contract or document to which the Purchaser is a party or which is binding upon the Purchaser, or constitute a default under any contract or document to which the Purchaser is a party or which is binding upon the Purchaser.
- (5) **Lawful Sources of Funds.** All sources of funds used by the Purchaser and its affiliates for this purchase are lawful.
- (6) **Purchaser's funding status.** The Purchaser and its affiliates have funds of no less than RMB100 million on the Closing Date to support the Purchaser and its affiliates to continue the normal business operation of the Target and Beijing Step Ahead Group within a reasonable period immediately after the Closing Date. The Purchaser and its affiliates will provide RISE Cayman and RISE Hong Kong with proof of funds for the foregoing funds on the Closing Date.

#### **Article 6 Taxes and Fees**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party hereto shall respectively bear any taxes and fees payable by it in connection with the Transactions hereunder in accordance with applicable laws.

#### **Article 7 Liability for Breach of Contract**

7.1 The Parties agree that Article 5 (Representations and Warranties) shall not have any legal effect after the Closing Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, after the Closing Date, RISE Cayman, RISE Hong Kong, Rise IP and their respective affiliates will not be required to indemnify the Purchaser or its affiliates for any of their representations and warranties under this Agreement.

#### **Article 8 Confidentiality and Information Disclosure**

- 8.1 Unless otherwise provided herein, each Party shall keep confidential the existence of the transaction documents or any information in relation to the transactions hereunder (including any information obtained by such Party in negotiation and execution of the transaction documents).
- 8.2 The above restrictions do not apply to the following information that:
  - (1) is disclosed or used in accordance with applicable laws or as required by any regulatory authorities (including relevant stock exchanges);
  - (2) is disclosed or used as required by any legal proceedings arising from this Agreement or any other agreements entered into pursuant to this Agreement, or is reasonably disclosed to tax authorities;
  - (3) is disclosed to each Party's investors, shareholders, fund management companies, investment banks, lenders, accountants, legal counsels, and bona fide potential investors, provided that the Parties shall require such information recipients to comply with the provisions of this Agreement related to such confidential information as if they were parties hereto;
  - (4) has come into the public domain due to reasons not attributable to the Parties hereto; and
  - (5) is disclosed or used as previously approved in writing by the other Parties.

If any information is required to be disclosed in accordance with this Section 8.2, the disclosing Party shall discuss with the other Parties about the disclosure and submission of such information within a reasonable time prior to the disclosure and submission of such information, and shall, to the extent possible, request the information recipient to keep the part of information disclosed or submitted confidential when the information is required by other parties to be disclosed or submitted.

#### **Article 9 Governing Law and Dispute Resolution**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China. Any dispute arising from this Agreement and the disagreements and conflicts among the Parties shall be first resolved by the Parties through amicable negotiation; if the dispute fails to be resolved through amicable negotiation within thirty (30) business days after a Party raises the dispute, such dispute shall be submitted to China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) for arbitration which shall be conducted in accordance with CIETAC's arbitration rules in effect at the time of applying for arbitration. The place of arbitration shall be Beijing, and the language of arbitration shall be Chinese. The arbitral award shall be final and binding upon all Parties.

#### **Article 10 Miscellaneous**

- 10.1 Effectiveness. This Agreement shall come into effect after formally executed by the Parties.
- 10.2 **Termination.** This Agreement shall be immediately terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (1) all the Parties agree in writing to terminate this Agreement; or
  - (2) the closing fails to be completed within three (3) months after the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.3 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement is the entire agreement entered into by the Parties with respect to the subject matters hereof, and supersedes all contracts, agreements, representations and conditions, oral or written, express or implied, made prior to the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.4 **Waiver.** No failure or delay by any Party to exercise any rights or remedies set forth in this Agreement and its amendments or supplementary agreements shall constitute or be deemed as a waiver thereof; and no single or partial exercise of the above rights and remedies shall preclude any further exercise thereof.
- 10.5 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the Parties agree that such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent practicable to achieve the intentions of the Parties, and in no way shall the validity, legality and enforceability of all the other provisions of this Agreement be prejudiced. As necessary for the intentions of the Parties to take effect, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement, and replace the unenforceable wordings with wordings which are enforceable and as close to the intentions above as possible.

- 10.6 **Notice.** Any and all notices, requiests, requirements, approvals and other communications required or contemplated under this Agreement shall be prepared in writing, and shall be deemed to be properly served by one or more of the following methods: (1) if delivered personally, on the date of receipt; (2) if delivered by fax, on the date of successful transmission (which shall be evidenced by the automatically generated message of transmission confirmation); or (3) if delivered by courier, on the 4th business day (for overseas senders or overseas recipients, the 15th business day) from the date of deposit to the courier service. All such notices, requirements, approvals and other communications shall be delivered to the address as separately notified in writing. In case of any change to the above address, recipient, fax number and other information of any Party hereto, such Party shall notify the other Parties in accordance with this Section, or otherwise it shall bear the legal responsibility for the failure to receive the relevant documents.
- 10.7 **Amendment and Supplement to this Agreement.** Any amendment or supplement hereto shall be made by the Parties through written agreement. The amendments and supplements to this Agreement executed by the Parties shall be an integral part hereof and have the same legal effect as this Agreement.
- 10.8 **Transfer and Succession.** This Agreement is effective to the Parties' respective successors and transferees which may be entitled to the interests under this Agreement and assume the obligations under this Agreement. Without the prior written consent of the other Parties, no Party may assign and transfer its rights, interests and obligations under this Agreement, provided that the Purchaser has the right to transfer all or part of its rights, interests and obligations under this Agreement to its affiliates.
- 10.9 **Language and Counterparts.** This Agreement is prepared in Chinese. The original of this Agreement consists of six counterparts. Each Party holds one counterpart, and each counterpart has the same legal effect.

(Signature page of this Agreement. No text on this page.)

In witness whereof, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties below as of the day and year first above written.

# Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd.

(Seal)

By: /s/ Lihong Wang

Name: Lihong Wang

Title: Chairwoman of the Board

(Signature page of this Agreement. No text on this page.)

In witness whereof, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties below as of the day and year first above written.

# RISE (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd. (Seal)

By: /s/ Jia Zhu

Name: Jia Zhu Title: Director

# Beijing Step Ahead Education Technology Development Co., Ltd. (Seal)

By: /s/ Jia Zhu

Name: Jia Zhu Title: Director (Signature page of this Agreement. No text on this page.)

In witness whereof, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties below as of the day and year first above written.

# **RISE Education International Limited**

By: /s/ Lihong Wang

Name: Lihong Wang Title: Director

# **RISE Education Cayman Ltd**

By: /s/ Weili Hong

Name: Weili Hong Title: Director

# Rise IP (Cayman) Limited

By: /s/ Zhongjue Chen

Name: Zhongjue Chen

Title: Director

# Dated December 1, 2021

# RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN LTD

# RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN I LTD

- and –

# BAIN CAPITAL RISE EDUCATION IV CAYMAN LIMITED

# SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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#### THIS SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made on the 1st day of December 2021

#### **BETWEEN:**

- (1) **RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN LTD**, a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the Laws of the Cayman Islands, with its registered office at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9005, Cayman Islands (the "Company"); and
- (2) **RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN I LTD**, a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the Laws of the Cayman Islands, with its registered office at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9005, Cayman Islands (the "Seller"); and
- (3) **BAIN CAPITAL RISE EDUCATION IV CAYMAN LIMITED**, a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the Laws of the Cayman Islands, with its registered office at Maples Corporate Services Limited, P.O. Box 309, Ugland House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands (the "Purchaser").

The Company, the Seller and the Purchaser are referred to collectively as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party".

#### **RECITALS:**

- (A) The Company owns, through the Seller (i) all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock (the "<u>Rise HK Transferred Shares</u>") of Rise Education International Limited (formerly known as Bain Capital Rise Education (HK) Limited), a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the Laws of Hong Kong, with its registered office at 16/F-19/F, Prince's Building, 10 Chater Road, Central, Hong Kong ("<u>Rise HK</u>"), and (ii) all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock (the "<u>Rise IP Transferred Shares</u>", together with the Rise HK Transferred Shares, the "<u>Transferred Shares</u>") of Rise IP (Cayman) Limited, a company duly incorporated and validly existing under the Laws of the Cayman Islands, with its registered office at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9005, Cayman Islands ("<u>Rise IP</u>", together with "<u>Rise HK</u>", the "<u>Transferred Subsidiaries</u>").
- (B) The Seller is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.
- (C) Rise HK holds 100% equity interests in Rise (Tianjin) Education Information Consulting Co., Ltd., a wholly foreign-owned enterprise duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the PRC ("<u>WFOE</u>").
- (D) The Company, Rise HK, WFOE, Wuhan Xinsili Culture Development Co., Ltd., a limited liability company duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the PRC ("<u>Wuhan Xinsili</u>") and certain other parties entered into a purchase agreement on December 1, 2021 (the "<u>Onshore Agreement</u>"), pursuant to which, Rise HK has agreed to sell to Wuhan Xinsili, and Wuhan Xinsili has agreed to purchase from Rise HK, 100% equity interests held by Rise HK in WFOE, upon the terms and conditions thereunder (the "<u>Onshore Sale</u>").

(E) Pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Company and the Seller have agreed to sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser has agreed to purchase from the Seller, the Transferred Shares (the "Transaction").

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements and covenants hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound, the Seller and the Purchaser hereby agree as follows:

# SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

<u>Definitions</u>. In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions have the following:

"Action" means any litigation, action, suit, charge, binding arbitration, tax audit or other legal, administrative or

judicial proceeding.

"Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or other day on which commercial banks

located in the PRC, the Cayman Islands or Hong Kong are authorized or required by law or executive order to be closed and on which no tropical cyclone warning no.8 or above and no "black" rainstorm warning signal is hoisted in Hong Kong at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Hong Kong time.

"Encumbrance" means any lien (statutory or otherwise), mortgage, pledge, security interest, charge, right of first refusal,

 $hypothecation, encumbrance \ on \ real \ property, \ easement, \ encroachment, \ right-of-way, \ restrictive \ covenant$ 

on real property, real property license, lease or conditional sale arrangement.

"Governmental Authority" means any supranational, national, federal, state, territorial, provincial, municipal or local governmental authority, quasi-governmental authority, instrumentality, court, government or self-regulatory organization,

commission, tribunal, arbitral body or organization or any regulatory, administrative or other agency, or any political or other subdivision, department or branch of any of the foregoing of an applicable

jurisdiction.

"Governmental Order" means any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, stipulation, determination or award entered by or with

any Governmental Authority.

"<u>Hong Kong</u>" means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

"<u>Law</u>" means any national, federal, territorial, state, provincial, local or municipal statute, law, common law, ordinance, rule, regulation, judicial, administrative or other order, writ, injunction, directive, judgment,

decree or policy or guideline having the force of law of the PRC, Hong Kong or any other applicable

jurisdiction.

"Long Stop Date" means the date falling three months after the date of this Agreement.

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means any circumstance, change in or effect on the Seller that, individually or in the aggregate with all

other circumstances, changes in or effects on the Seller, is or is reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay or materially impair the ability of the Seller to consummate the Transaction or otherwise

have a material adverse effect on the Transaction.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, an association, a limited or unlimited liability company,

a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization or other legal entity or

Governmental Authority.

"PRC" means the People's Republic of China, for purposes of this Agreement only excluding Hong Kong, Taiwan

and Macau.

"<u>US\$</u>" means the legal currency of the United States.

Terms Defined Elsewhere in this Agreement. The following terms are defined in this Agreement as follows:

"Agreement" Preamble Preamble "Company" "Completion" Section 3.1 "Completion Date" Section 3.1 "Confidential Information" Section 9.1 "HKIAC" Section 8.2 "Facilities Agreement" Section 2.2 Section 2.2 "Lenders" "Notices" Section 7.1 "Onshore Agreement" Preamble "Onshore Sale" Preamble "Party" or "Parties" Preamble "Purchaser" Preamble

"Rise HK" Preamble "Rise IP" Preamble "Rise HK Transferred Shares" Preamble "Rise IP Transferred Shares" Preamble "Seller" Preamble "Transaction" Preamble "Transferred Shares" Preamble "Transferred Subsidiaries" Preamble "WFOE" Preamble "Wuhan Xinsili" Preamble

#### SECTION 2 SALE AND PURCHASE

#### 2.1 Sale and Purchase

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Seller shall at the Completion sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall purchase from the Seller, the Transferred Shares, free and clear of any and all Encumbrances and together with all accrued rights and benefits pertaining thereto.

#### 2.2 Consideration

As consideration for the purchase of the Transferred Shares, at or prior to the Completion, the Purchaser shall (i) pay or cause to be paid US\$2,500,000 in cash to the Company, for settlement with the lenders (the "Lenders") of the facilities agreement dated March 18, 2021 relating to the term and revolving facilities of up to an aggregate amount of US\$80,000,000 (the "Facilities Agreement"), pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement dated December 1, 2021, by and among, the Company, the Seller, the Purchaser, the Lenders, WFOE and certain other parties thereto; and (ii) cause Rise HK and Rise IP to grant WFOE or entities designated by Wuhan Xinsili a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable and exclusive license over all intellectual property rights owned by or licensed to Rise HK and/or Rise IP.

# SECTION 3 COMPLETION AND POST-COMPLETION MATTERS

#### 3.1 Completion Date

The completion of the Transaction (the "<u>Completion</u>") shall take place remotely via e-mails and telephone communications on the first Business Day following the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the obligations of the Parties set forth in <u>Section 5</u>, or at such other place or at such other time or on such other date as the Seller and the Purchaser may mutually agree upon in writing. The date on which the Completion occurs is herein referred to as the "<u>Completion Date</u>".

#### 3.2 <u>Completion Actions.</u>

- (a) At the Completion, the Seller shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser:
  - (i) an instrument of transfer and sold note in respect of the Rise HK Transferred Shares, in form and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, duly executed by the Seller in favor of the Purchaser (and, if applicable, any power of attorney under which any such documents are executed on behalf of the Seller);
  - (ii) a register of members of Rise HK as at the date of the Completion Date reflecting the Purchaser being the sole shareholder of Rise HK, certified by the registered office provider of Rise HK to be a true and complete copy thereof;
  - (iii) a copy of resolutions of the sole director of Rise HK approving the registration of the Purchaser as the sole shareholder of Rise HK (subject only to the due stamping of the transfer documentation pertaining to the transfer of the Rise HK Transferred Shares);
  - (iv) an instrument of transfer in respect of the Rise IP Transferred Shares, in form and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, duly executed by the Seller in favor of the Purchaser (and, if applicable, any power of attorney under which any such documents are executed on behalf of the Seller); and
  - (v) a register of members of Rise IP as at the date of the Completion Date reflecting the Purchaser being the sole shareholder of Rise IP, certified by the registered office provider of Rise IP to be a true and complete copy thereof.
- (b) At the Completion, the Purchaser shall (i) pay or cause to be paid US\$2,500,000 in cash to the Company; and (ii) cause Rise HK and Rise IP to grant WFOE or entities designated by Wuhan Xinsili a royalty-free, perpetual and exclusive license over all intellectual property rights owned by or licensed to Rise HK and/or Rise IP.

# SECTION 4 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

#### 4.1 Mutual Warranties

The Seller hereby represents and warrants to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Seller, on and as of the date of this Agreement and the Completion Date as follows:

- (a) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation. It has the corporate power and lawful authority to own or possess, lease and operate its assets, carry on its business as now being and as previously conducted.
- (b) It has the full legal right, power and authority required to enter into this Agreement and to perform fully its obligations hereunder. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other Parties, constitutes the valid and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.
- (c) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by it do not and will not (i) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any provision of its constitution or (ii) conflict with or violate any Law or Governmental Orders applicable to it, or any of its assets, properties or businesses.

#### 4.2 Seller Warranties

The Seller represents and warrants to the Purchaser that each of the following representations and warranties shall be true and correct and not misleading on and as of the date of this Agreement and the Completion Date:

#### 4.2.1. Transferred Subsidiaries

- (a) Each of the Transferred Subsidiaries is duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation.
- (b) Unless otherwise disclosed to the Purchaser, no administrator, receiver or statutory manager has been appointed in respect of the whole or part of the assets and undertaking of each of the Transferred Subsidiaries.
- (c) Unless otherwise disclosed to the Purchaser, neither any Transferred Subsidiary is insolvent or in liquidation, and nor any order has been made or effective resolution passed for the liquidation or winding up of any Transferred Subsidiary.

# 4.2.2. <u>Transferred Shares</u>

- (a) The Seller is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the Transferred Shares.
- (b) The Rise HK Transferred Shares, comprising the whole of Rise HK's allotted and issued share capital, have been properly allotted and issued and are fully paid or credited as fully paid.
- (c) The Rise IP Transferred Shares, comprising the whole of Rise IP's allotted and issued share capital, have been properly allotted and issued and are fully paid or credited as fully paid.
- (d) There is no Encumbrance, and there is no agreement, arrangement or obligation to create or give an Encumbrance, in relation to any of the Transferred Shares or any unissued shares in the capital of Rise HK or Rise IP.

(e) Other than this Agreement or otherwise disclosed to the Purchaser, there is no agreement, arrangement or obligation requiring the creation, allotment, issue, transfer, redemption or repayment of, or the grant to a person of the right (conditional or not) to require the allotment, issue, transfer, redemption or repayment of, any shares in the capital of Rise HK and Rise IP (including an option or right of pre-emption or conversion).

#### SECTION 5 CONDITIONS TO COMPLETION

5.1 The obligations of the Parties to consummate the Transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment or written waiver by the Purchaser of each of the following conditions:

#### 5.1.1. Representations, Warranties and Covenants

- (a) The representations and warranties of the Seller contained in this Agreement shall have been true and correct when made and shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the Completion, except to the extent such representations and warranties are as of another date, in which case, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of that date, in each case, with the same force and effect as if made as of the Completion, other than such representations and warranties as are made as of another date; and
- (b) The covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement to be complied with by the Seller on or before the Completion shall have been complied with in all material respects.

#### 5.1.2. No Proceeding or Litigation

No Action shall have commenced or threatened by or before any Governmental Authority against the Seller, seeking to restrain or materially and adversely alter the Transaction contemplated by this Agreement which, in the reasonable, good faith determination of the Purchaser, is likely to render it impossible or unlawful to consummate such Transaction or which could have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### 5.1.3. Consents

The Seller shall have received, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchaser, substantially all third party consents required for consummation of the Transaction, including consents from the Lenders.

#### 5.1.4. Completion of Onshore Sale

The Onshore Sale has been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions under the Onshore Agreement. WFOE has completed the registration and filing of changes of business information with respect to the Onshore Sale and relevant matters (including but not limited to resignation of the director(s) and supervisor(s) of WFOE, and amendments to the articles of association) to Tianjin Administration for Market Regulation or its local branch and the Seller has delivered or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser, in form and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, proof of completion of the foregoing registration and filing.

#### 5.1.5. No Material Adverse Effect

No event or events shall have occurred, or be reasonably likely to occur, which, individually or in the aggregate, have, or could have, a Material Adverse Effect.

5.2 The Seller shall make all reasonable efforts to satisfy the conditions set out in <u>Section 5.1</u> as soon as possible after the date of this Agreement and in any event no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Long Stop Date. In the event that the aforementioned conditions are not satisfied by such Long Stop Date such shall not be regarded as a breach of this Agreement, and the provisions of <u>Sections 6.1</u> and 6.2 shall apply.

#### **SECTION 6 TERMINATION**

#### 6.1 <u>Termination</u>

This Agreement, shall terminate automatically if any of the conditions precedent to Completion set out in <u>Section 5.1</u> have not been satisfied or waived by the Purchaser (as applicable) by 5:00 p.m. on the Long Stop Date. Without prejudice to the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Completion by the mutual written consent of the Seller and the Purchaser.

#### 6.2 Effect of Termination

In the event of termination of this Agreement as provided in <u>Section 6.1</u>, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and there shall be no liability on the part of any Party, and except as set forth in <u>Sections 9</u> (Confidentiality) and 10.7 (Expenses) none of the Parties shall have any claim against the others for costs, damages, compensation or otherwise (save in respect of any prior breach of this Agreement).

#### SECTION 7 NOTICE

#### 7.1 Notice Addresses and Method of Delivery

All notices, requests, demands, consents and other communications ("Notices") required to be given by each Party to any other Party shall be in writing and delivered by hand delivery or courier; prepaid registered letter sent by first class mail (express courier if to an address in a country other than the country in which the sender is situated), return receipt request or email to the applicable Party at the address or email address as designated by such Party.

# SECTION 8 GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

#### 8.1 Governing Law

The execution, validity and performance of and resolution of disputes under this Agreement shall be governed by the Laws of Hong Kong.

#### 8.2 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>

Any dispute, controversy, difference or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination thereof or any dispute regarding non-contractual obligations arising out of or relating to it shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC") under the HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules in force when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted. The seat of the arbitration shall be Hong Kong, and the language of the arbitration shall be English. The law of this arbitration clause shall be Hong Kong Law.

#### SECTION 9 CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1 Each Party agrees to, and shall cause its agents, representatives, affiliates, employees, officers and directors to treat and hold as confidential (and not disclose or provide access to any Person to) all information relating to the Transaction (the "Confidential Information").

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- 9.2 A Party may disclose Confidential Information which would otherwise be subject to the provisions of Section 9.1, if and to the extent:
  - (a) it is required by Law to which such Party is subject or for the purpose of any judicial proceedings;
  - (b) it is required by any Governmental Authority to which it is subject or submits (whether or not the requirement for information has the force of law);
  - (c) it is disclosed on a strictly confidential basis to its affiliates or representatives (or to representatives of its affiliates) on a need to know basis;
  - (d) it was lawfully in its possession or in the possession of any of its affiliates or representatives free of any restriction as to its use or disclosure prior to it being so disclosed;
  - (e) the information is or has come into the public domain through no fault of that Party or any of its affiliates or representatives;
  - (f) to the extent such Confidential Information relates to another Party, such other Party has given prior written consent to the disclosure;
  - (g) it is required to enable that Party to perform this Agreement or enforce its rights under this Agreement,

and provided that, to the extent permitted by Law, any Confidential Information to be disclosed in reliance on <u>Sections 9.2(a)</u> or <u>9.2(b)</u> shall, to the extent such Confidential Information relates to another Party, be disclosed only after consultation with such other Party and the Party intending to disclose the Confidential Information shall take into account the reasonable comments or requests of such other Party.

#### SECTION 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 10.1 Amendment

This Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented except by a written instrument executed by all the Parties.

#### 10.2 Waiver

No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless set forth in a written instrument signed by the Party waiving such provision. No failure or delay by a Party in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of the same preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. Without limiting the foregoing, no waiver by a Party of any breach by any other Party of any provision hereof shall be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of that or any other provision hereof.

#### 10.3 Entire Agreement

This Agreement, represents the entire understanding and constitutes the whole Agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings relating to such subject matter.

#### 10.4 Exclusion of Third Party's Rights

A Person who is not a party to this Agreement shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Right of Third Parties) Ordinance, Cap. 623, to enforce any term contained herein this Agreement.

### 10.5 Severability

Each and every obligation under this Agreement shall be treated as a separate obligation and shall be severally enforceable as such and in the event of any obligation or obligations being or becoming unenforceable in whole or in part. To the extent that any provision or provisions of this Agreement are unenforceable they shall be deemed to be deleted from this Agreement, and any such deletion shall not affect the enforceability of this Agreement as remain not so deleted.

# 10.6 Assignments

The rights of each Party under this Agreement shall not be assignable by such Party without the written consent of each other Party.

### 10.7 Expenses

All stamp duties applicable to the transfer of any Transferred Shares shall be borne by the Seller. All other costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors and accountants, incurred in connection with this Agreement and the Transaction contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid by the party incurring such costs and expenses, whether or not the Completion shall have occurred.

#### 10.8 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the Parties in separate counterparts, including counterparts transmitted by facsimile or by e-mails, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Except as otherwise specified, this Agreement shall become legally binding at the time of execution of the last such counterpart and shall have effect from the date first above written.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the date first written above.

# RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN LTD

By: /s/ Weili Hong
Name: Weili Hong
Title: Director

RISE EDUCATION CAYMAN I LTD

By: /s/ Lihong Wang

Name: Lihong Wang
Title: Director

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the date first written above.

# BAIN CAPITAL RISE EDUCATION IV CAYMAN LIMITED

By: /s/ Krista Snow

Name: Krista Snow
Title: Director

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