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Passion for People and Technology

At D2D we're passionate about people and technology; more specifically, technology enabling our connected lifestyles.

Banma Network Technology

This month in Milestone we take a look at Banma Network Technologies, a portfolio business in the Alibaba-SAIC investment fund and manufacturer of internet cars.



As traditional OEM's attempt to consolidate suppliers and standardise offerings across their brands and models, consumers are at the same time demanding localised products and services forcing car-makers to abandon legacy homogenisation strategies, in favour of the approaches employed by local start-ups and internet companies delivering tailored offerings reflecting the end-users lifestyle.

While China's internet giants Tencent Holdings and Baidu both had accelerated the development of next generation vehicles through the adoption of in-vehicle WeChat, Carlife, & Apollo, Alibaba 's approach has been to develop Banma infotainment system based on its AliOS open operating system to developers and car makers for collaborative research and development anticipating 6 million connected vehicles by 2023.

To read our report in full click [<Banma Connecting China>](#).

Celebrating Success

At D2D we're committed to a culture and working environment that encourages continuous learning and development and celebrates success.



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Leading by example Dr.Xiaohang Zhang, who has this month successfully completed an accelerated study course, achieving a nano-degree in Artificial Intelligence Programming with Python.

In achieving this qualification Xiaohang has acquired a certified understanding of Python, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, PyTorch and Linear Algebra, the foundations for building a neural network.

"In obtaining this qualification, I completed four Python based coding projects. The challenges were to 1). control a virtual robot moving randomly in a pre-defined simulated space 2).

cleanse, analyse and visualise box office data 3). solve linear algebraic problems being the basis of AI algorithms and finally 4). train a simple convoluted neural network to classify specific categorical images. While to some this might appear theoretical, I am passionate in leading a knowledge based organisation, where I am able to continue learning and consulting upon the opportunities AI and new technology provide industry and society at large"



- Dr.Xiaohang Zhang, Managing Partner D2D Group.