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ChinaNet Online Holdings Participates in Industry Event to Train Entrepreneurs and Franchise Owners

BEIJING, June 23, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:CNET) (the "ChinaNet" or "Company"), a leading B2B (business to business) Internet technology company focusing on providing online-to-offline ("O2O") sales channel expansion services for small and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") and entrepreneurial management and networking services for entrepreneurs in the People's Republic of China, today announced that executives from the company participated in international brands curriculum "Systematic Creates Wealth" in Anhui Province, China on June 17th and 18th, 2014 to help train and promote entrepreneurs and franchise owners in the food industry. This activity is jointly organized by the Restaurant Association and "Discover China's Good Projects".

ChinaNet executives, including CEO Cheng Handong and Liansuo.com's Manager Ding Lei, shared their advice to conference participants. "We created 'Discover China's Good Projects' in March 2013 to promote and support new projects and businesses," explained Mr. Cheng. "Because we have worked with hundreds of franchisees and SMEs across every industry, we understand what it takes to launch and sustain a profitable franchise. We look forward to sharing our experience and expertise with all of you so you can become even more successful in your business endeavors."

About ChinaNet Online Holdings, Inc.

The Company, a parent company of ChinaNet Online Media Group Ltd., incorporated in the BVI ("ChinaNet"), is a leading B2B (business to business) Internet technology company focusing on providing O2O (online to offline) sales channel expansion service for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurial management and networking service for entrepreneurs in China. The Company, through certain contractual arrangements with operating companies in the PRC, provides Internet advertising and other services for Chinese SMEs via its portal websites, 28.com, Liansuo.com and Chuangye.com, TV commercials and program production via China-Net TV, and in-house LCD advertising on banking kiosks targeting Chinese banking patrons. Website: <http://www.chinanet-online.com>.

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