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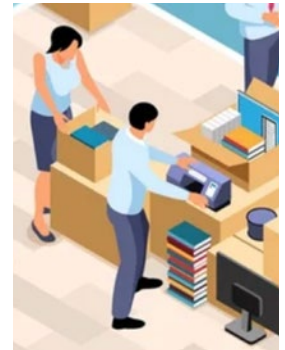


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Executive Summary

When our client, a well-known subscription streaming media and content hub, needed to relocate 20 employees from Beijing to the United States, they recognized the need for a comprehensive approach to cultural integration. Not only did the expatriates require intercultural training, but our client also identified the importance of providing cultural training to their US business leaders to facilitate a smooth transition and effective collaboration.



Challenge

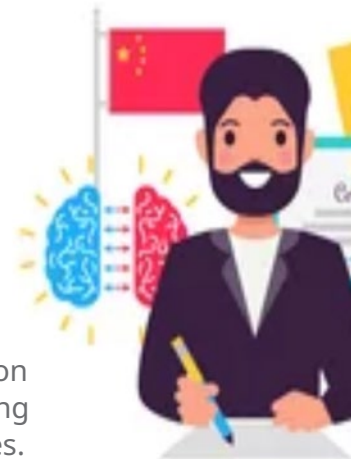
The challenge for this entertainment conglomerate was twofold: integrating Chinese nationals, accustomed to a formal and hierarchical culture, into the informal and egalitarian US workplace, while also ensuring their US colleagues understood the challenges the expatriates would face personally and professionally. With the expatriates being software engineers making a permanent move, it was crucial to support their integration into both the corporate culture and the new country, especially considering many of their families chose not to relocate with them.



Solution

RW3 CultureWizard customized a course titled “Working Effectively with Chinese Colleagues” to address our client’s unique needs. Recognizing the significant investment our client was making, the company ensured that both Chinese nationals and US business leaders received tailored training to support effective integration.

The Chinese expatriates received individualized training on culture shock, cultural differences, etiquette, and office routines, preparing them for the nuances of the US workplace. Meanwhile, US team leads participated in a virtual training session focused on understanding Chinese culture’s impact on workplace dynamics and social interactions. Topics included saving and losing “face”, differences in communication styles, and effective feedback strategies.





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Key Highlights



Tailored Approach: RW3 CultureWizard tailored the training to our client's specific requirements, leveraging insights from the individual expatriate training to inform the group workshop for US team leads.



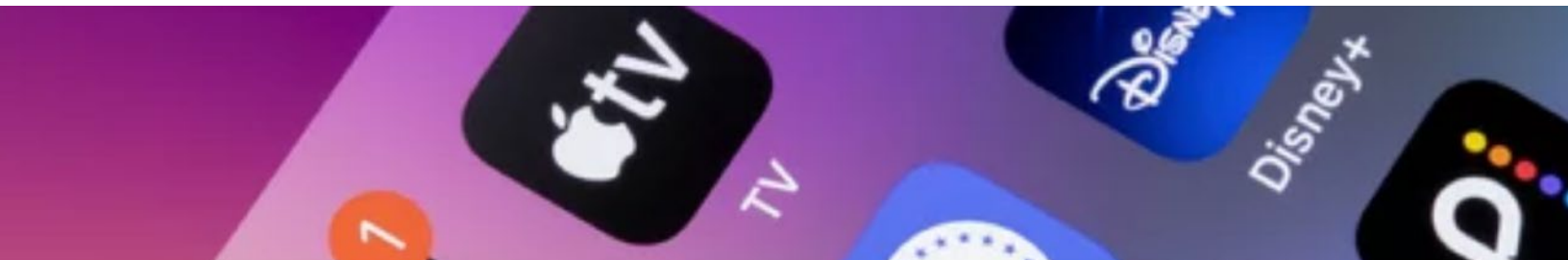
Investment in Success: Our client's commitment to supporting the integration of Chinese nationals demonstrated a proactive approach to protecting their investment and ensuring the expatriates' effectiveness in their new roles.



Comprehensive Training: Both expatriates and US business leaders received in-depth instruction on cultural norms, communication styles, and workplace behaviors, fostering understanding and collaboration across cultural divides.



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Results

Immediate Impact: By providing targeted cultural training, the Entertainment Conglomerate facilitated a smooth transition for Chinese expatriates into the US workplace, enabling them to navigate cultural differences and establish productive relationships with their US American colleagues.



Positive Feedback: Participant feedback highlighted the value of the training in enhancing cross-cultural understanding and equipping US business leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to support their Chinese colleagues effectively.



Conclusion

This partnership with RW3 CultureWizard exemplifies the importance of proactive cultural integration in global relocations. By investing in comprehensive training for both expatriates and local leaders, our client fostered a culture of inclusion and collaboration, ultimately driving success in their international operations.