

News Release

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ANZ and saigonchildren 'Project 3E' provides education opportunities for 4,000 children

ANZ and Saigon Children's Charity CIO (saigonchildren) today announced the completion of 'Project 3E' (Educate, Enrich and Employ) with the opening of Thuan Hoa 2 Primary School and Thuan Hoa Kindergarten in Long My District, Hau Giang Province.

Project 3E has now built a total of 10 schools, benefiting around 4,000 children in Long My. In addition to new classrooms accommodating hundreds of students, the project has upgraded IT equipment and facilities benefiting 1,900 local students and awarded financial scholarships to 900 deserving students with outstanding study results.

ANZ's Chief Operating Officer, Institutional, Sreeram Iyer said: "Four years ago we partnered with saigonchildren to provide better education opportunities for children growing up in Vietnam. Today we are incredibly proud to see this project come to fruition, and the difference it's making to the community is testament to the passion our employees have shown in achieving its objectives.

"In addition to ANZ's financial support, our staff in Vietnam and from across our global network have spent thousands of hours volunteering their own time to assist with the planning and construction of the schools, as well as helping to deliver our financial literacy program MoneyMinded to local teachers and parents," Mr Iyer said.

Saigonchildren Executive Director, Damien Roberts, added: "The tremendous support and commitment from ANZ has delivered impressive results from this Project. To see 4,000 children and their families now having a brighter start to life and better hopes for their future is an incredible achievement, and one which will create a legacy for future generations."

ANZ is one of the first foreign banks to open in Vietnam, and has been operating in the country for 25 years. In addition to 'Project 3E', the bank's flagship financial literacy program, MoneyMinded has benefitted more than 4,000 people in Vietnam since its launch in 2012.

Saigonchildren is an UK registered NGO which has been operating in Vietnam for 26 years. Saigonchildren believes that education is the best path for a child and their family to follow to help them out of poverty. Saigonchildren builds schools, provides scholarships, provides access to vocational training and supports organisations working with children with a disability.

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Note to Editors:

Project 3E (Educate - Enrich – Employ): A joint community initiative between ANZ, saigonchildren and Hau Giang Education and Training Department aimed at providing access to quality schooling in a sustainable way for children in Long My District, Hau Giang Province, Vietnam.

Project objective: Focus on uplifting the schooling infrastructure of an entire District making a meaningful difference to 4,000 children over a four-year period.

Project activities:

- Build and enhance a mix of kindergartens, primary schools.
- Improve teaching facilities and equipment in order to enhance the learning experience and teaching skills, resources – particularly in secondary schools and high schools.
- Provide scholarships and support programs to children and young people in need.
- Support project management related training for local people involved in the program.