



Media Release

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ANZ supported community project opens three more schools in Vietnam

ANZ and Saigon Children's Charity (SCC) today announced the opening of the *Trà Lồng* Kindergarten, *Lương Tâm* Kindergarten and *Tân Phú 1* Primary School as part of Project 3E (educate. enrich. employ), a joint community initiative in Long My District, Hau Giang Province. As well as building schools, the project granted 300 scholarships to underprivileged high school students with outstanding study results. Since its launch in late 2013, 3E has had a positive impact on over 1,100 young people's lives in Vietnam and opened seven schools.*

ANZ CEO Vietnam Dennis Hussey said: "This project is driven by more than a financial commitment from the bank; it's funded by our staff's enthusiasm, energy and passion to make a difference. I'm incredibly proud that our staff in Vietnam and other countries in the ANZ network have volunteered thousands of hours helping with construction, household visits, as well as delivering our financial literacy program MoneyMinded to local teachers and parents."

"This year, we hope to build more schools, continue to provide scholarships for students in hardship and upgrade IT equipment for secondary schools. We're confident that together with our partner SCC and the local Government's support, we will be able to achieve plans," said Mr Hussey.

SCC Executive Director, Tim Mullett added: "We applaud the support and long-term commitment ANZ has made to the community, demonstrated through the real results from Project 3E. These new classrooms not only provide safe and well-equipped working environment for teachers and children here in Long My but also help create a better, fairer start for the children and their families' future."

Working in conjunction with Hau Giang Education and Training Department, Project 3E aims at providing quality education to fight poverty, enrich people's lives and support the employment prospects of 4,000 disadvantaged children and young people in Long My district, Hau Giang Province.

ANZ was one of the first foreign banks in Vietnam when it opened in 1993. Over 1,300 people have participated in the bank's flagship financial literacy program, MoneyMinded, in Vietnam since its launch in 2012. In 2015, ANZ and Blue Dragon Children's Foundation launched the *ANZ Career Preparation* program following the success of *ANZ Kickstart* program in the previous year, benefiting over 120 disadvantaged youths and families to date.

SCC is a UK registered NGO which has been operating in Vietnam for nearly 25 years. SCC believes that education is the best path for a child and their family to follow to help them out of poverty. SCC builds schools, provides scholarships, provides access to vocational training and supports organisations working with children with a disability.

* [Watch Project 3E's video](#)

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- **Project objective:** To provide access to quality schooling in a sustainable way
- **Project activities:**
 - Build a mix of kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, high schools and schools for children with special needs
 - Improve teaching facilities and equipment in order to enhance the learning experience and teaching skills/resources – particularly in secondary schools and high schools
 - Provide scholarship and support programs to children and young people in need
 - Support project management related training for local people involved in the program