



Media Release

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ANZ announces a three year educational community partnership in Vietnam

ANZ and Saigon Children's Charity (SCC) today announced a three year community education program called **Project 3E: educate.enrich.employ**, on the occasion of Vietnam Teachers' day. Working in conjunction with Hau Giang Education and Training Department, the project will provide quality education to fight poverty, enrich people's lives and support the employment prospects of more than 4,000 disadvantaged children and young people in Long My district, Hau Giang Province.

Tareq Muhmood, ANZ CEO, Vietnam, said: "Together with SCC and our staff, ANZ Vietnam hopes to raise more than USD600,000 to support this initiative over a three year period. Our aim is to ultimately make sustainable change in the community of Long My, one of the poorest areas in the Mekong Delta."

"ANZ staff in Vietnam and around the world can commit their time, money and other resources to enhance young people's learning and capacity to make a contribution through this community education partnership. We hope to provide some of Vietnam's most marginalised and impoverished young people with access to quality education and life skills, as well as a better and brighter future," Mr Muhmood added.

Paul Finnis, Director of SCC said: "We applaud the outstanding efforts of ANZ to support disadvantaged children in Vietnam, especially to those in Long My, by working in partnership with SCC."

"Sustainability is key to the success of any community project. We believe the holistic and focussed approach of Project 3E will provide the necessary tools for disadvantaged children and young people in Long My to have a fairer start in their lives and help them reach their full potential through receiving a quality education which is relevant to their needs," Mr Finnis added.

ANZ was among the first international banks to operate in Vietnam, establishing its first office in 1993. ANZ was named the most sustainable bank globally in the 2013 Dow Jones Sustainability Index, for the sixth time in seven years.

SCC is a UK registered NGO which has been operating in Vietnam for 20 years. SCC believes that education is the best path for a child and their family out of poverty. SCC 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

- **Project objective:** To provide access to quality schooling in a sustainable way
- **Project activities:**
 - Build kindergartens, primary schools, middle 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 such as job orientation and life-skills training to children and young people in need
 - Support project management related training for local people involved in the program