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The Boeing Company Partners with East Meets West for Construction of Primary School

Mark Conroy, Country Director for East Meets West Foundation has announced that The Boeing Company has agreed to fund the Nguyen Van Troi primary school in Hamlet Chau Lam, in Quang Nam province for \$90,500. The school will serve 405 children with 12 well lit classrooms in a two-story building. Construction is now complete on the new school which replaces an old facility in the hamlet that was built in 1977. The old school had serious structural damage and water damage and had been declared unsafe for children. In addition to building the school, Boeing provided book bags and school supplies for all students.

Boeing has been active in Vietnam since US-Vietnam trade was restored just over 10 years ago. Since then, Boeing and Vietnam Airlines have developed a strong working relationship in which Boeing 777-200ERs and 767-300ERs serve the airline's long-haul and regional routes. Vietnam Airlines is also a launch customer for the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner, having placed an order for four of the new, high-technology jetliners. Boeing is also working with Vietnam Airlines and American Pacific University in helping to prepare candidates in the operation, maintenance and management of airplane fleets and airline functions.

"Environmental conditions constitute a key element of the learning experience and are essential to allow each student to reach his or her potential," said Christopher Flint,

Director of International Sales for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Boeing recognizes that these students are the future of Vietnam and we are proud to have a role in their contributions to Vietnam's progress."

John Anner, EMW Executive Director, commented, "This partnership will mean that over 400 children will have a safe place to learn. We commend Boeing for their strong program of social initiatives and are very pleased and proud to partner with such a fine company in this effort."

East Meets West Foundation is a humanitarian organization working exclusively in Viet Nam. Founded in 1988 by Le Ly Hayslip, a Vietnamese American, the organization focuses on improving the lives of poor children in Vietnam through a wide range of grassroots and construction projects located throughout the country. The school construction program has built 153 primary schools and 132 kindergartens in low income communities. In addition, East Meets West's dropout prevention program (SPELL) will provide tuition, tutoring and school supplies for the children in this school in addition to 4000 other very poor children in remote areas already enrolled in the program in central and southern Viet Nam.