



PRESS RELEASE

AIG celebrates Teacher's Day by donating 820 quality helmets to students and teachers

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In honor of Teacher's Day, AIP Foundation delivered 820 high-quality helmets to students and teachers at Tan Hiep Primary School. This event was possible thanks to support from AIG, an American multinational insurance company, and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of normalized diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Vietnam. This event is the third helmet handover event AIG has sponsored for at-risk school children and teachers. Thus far, AIG has provided 3,036 quality helmets to children and teachers throughout Vietnam.

Students, teachers, and representatives from AIG, the Department of Education and Training (DOET), the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC), and AIP Foundation attended the event. Among the attendees were Rena Bitter, U.S Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City and Susan E. Loftus, CEO and General Director at AIG Vietnam.

"This past May, the U.S. Department of State launched a partnership with AIP Foundation through a helmet handover ceremony in Hanoi, which was supported by AIG. We are pleased to see that the corporate sector is supporting this partnership in order to save more lives." Said Rena Bitter, U.S Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City.

CEO and General Manager at AIG Vietnam Insurance Company, Susan Loftus said, "As an international insurance organization with a 20 year history in Vietnam, AIG fully supports the life-saving benefits of a helmet. We believe that by working with the government, schools, and cities we can achieve fewer road crash fatalities and injuries across the country. We are pleased to continue our commitment to contribute to the well being of children. AIG is pleased to cooperate with the Protec Helmet factory and their employment of Persons with Disabilities because diversity and inclusion is one of AIG's key principles."

AIP Foundation and AIG aim to protect Vietnam's most vulnerable children. Tan Hiep Primary School is located in a high-density traffic area. A high volume of trucks and other large vehicles use the roads near the school, making students extremely vulnerable to road crashes when they commute to and from school. The dangerous traffic environment surrounding the school influenced the helmet donation.

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About the 20th Anniversary

The 20th anniversary of normalized U.S.-Vietnam relations marks an opportunity to further deepen our two countries' 2013 Comprehensive Partnership. Its goal is to contribute to peace, stability, cooperation, and prosperity in each country, in the region, and in the world. The recent history of U.S. partnerships with India and Indonesia teaches us that moving beyond bilateral engagement to broader cooperation is necessary and healthy for a maturing relationship.

Economically, annual trade volume increased from less than US\$500 million in 1995 to US\$35 billion today. The growth in U.S. imports of Vietnamese goods has been faster than growth of U.S. exports to



Vietnam. Vietnam's membership in the TransPacific Partnership (TPP) simultaneous with its continued progress toward greater transparency, may mean that the United States could become Vietnam's number one investor, duplicating its role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as a whole.

About AIP Foundation

AIP Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing road injuries and fatalities in low- and middle-income countries. For more than 16 years AIP Foundation has been delivering effective road safety programs in locations across Asia and Africa. To find out more, visit www.aip-foundation.org or connect with us on Twitter @AIPFoundation.

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