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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], in conjunction with Microsoft Corporation and Vietnam Airlines, has donated laptop computers to Hanoi University of Technology, Ho Chi Minh University of Technology and American Pacific University in support of the development of aeronautical education programs in Vietnam.

The laptops are refreshed units with Microsoft Windows Office XP operating and application systems. The computers were transported to Vietnam on board a Vietnam Airlines 777-200ER delivery flight from the Boeing factory in Everett, Washington.

"Our mutually beneficial relationship with the citizens of Vietnam is an important aspect of our corporate culture," said Chris Flint, country executive for Vietnam, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We are pleased to have this opportunity to be a positive influence on the learning environment of these universities and communities, and would like to acknowledge and thank Vietnam Airlines and the Microsoft Corporation for their important roles in this worthy activity."

"Microsoft is pleased to support this initiative to bring technology and computer system information to Vietnamese students to help them realize their potential and contribute to the development of the country's IT industry," Christophe Desriac, general country manager of Microsoft in Vietnam, stated. "We hope this program will serve as a bridge for young Vietnamese to have access to computers and the Internet."

"Supporting Vietnam aeronautical educational programs is a priority for Vietnam and our airline," commented Vietnam Airlines President Nguyen Xuan Hien. "We are proud to be a part of the growth in university programs."

Boeing has supported a number of programs involving good corporate citizenship, and the company continues to explore new opportunities. Earlier this year, Boeing signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The People's Committee of Cu Chi District, to provide US\$1 million (15.7 billion Vietnamese dong) for the Tan Thong Hoi School building project.

The development of a long-term plan for cooperation with Vietnam is a key objective for Boeing. The Boeing Company values educational programs, especially those that support the bright future of the aviation industry.

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