

## **Sika to help under-privileged children of Vietnam**

Sika Vietnam has generously announced a sponsorship of US\$100,000 to support Operation Smile Vietnam in the provision of corrective facial surgery for children suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate deformities at five Mission sites throughout 2011.

This is the second year that Sika Vietnam has joined Operation Smile Vietnam to heal children's smiles and bring them new lives and a new future. In 2010 Sika's support made significant changes to the lives of more than 500 children from around Vietnam who underwent cleft lip and cleft palate surgery thanks to their donation. The 2010 missions took place in Hanoi, HCMC, Dak Nong, Ba Ria and Ha Tinh provinces. In addition to the financial support, a number of dedicated Sika employees participated in these missions as volunteers to assist the teams with logistics work and experience life changing surgeries.

*"We are very proud to support Operation Smile to help under-privileged Vietnamese children. We do hope that our contribution will not only help heal a child, but heal a family, a village but also an entire country" –* said Ms. Yumi Kan – General Manager of Sika Vietnam.

*"In developing countries like ours, one of 500 new borns suffers from facial deformities and every year, Vietnam has an estimated 3,000 new patients born with cleft lips and/or palate deformities" –* Mr. Nguyen Viet Phuong, Region Director Asia & Chief Representative of Operation Smile in Vietnam said. *"With generous support from different donors like Sika, to date Operation Smile Vietnam has provided surgeries to over 17,000 patients and supported thousands of families across the country. We can't thank them enough for joining us to change lives, one smile at a time."*

With more than 20 years of experiences in providing free reconstructive surgeries to children in Vietnam, in 2011, the organization aims to provide free corrective facial surgeries to as many as 2,000 of the estimated 3,000 newborn children with facial deformities including cleft lips and cleft palates.

The prestigious Sika sponsored missions will be taken place in Hai Phong, Hanoi, Nghe An and HCMC. It is estimated that 400 patients shall receive treatment during these missions.

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