

Free surgeries for children with clefts in Hue

From May 9 to 13, 2011, with the sponsorship the Asia – Pacific Securities Joint Stock Company (APEC Securities), Operation Smile Vietnam partners with Hue Hospital for Odonto - Stomatology to provide free medical check-up and surgeries for children born with cleft lip and palate deformities coming from the central provinces in Vietnam.

The surgical mission is taken place in the Hospital located at No. 83 Nguyen Hue Street, Hue City, Thua Thien Hue Province with following schedule:

Monday, 9/5/2011 : Screening and medical testing
From 10 to 13/5/2011 : Surgical Operation

This is the first time the APEC Securities has joined Operation Smile mission, offering life changing surgeries to children with cleft lips and palates in the country. The contribution of VND 60,000,000 (sixty million dong) to Operation Smile was made possible due to the fund-raising efforts initiated by the Trade Union of Company. Beside the sponsorship, the employees of APEC Securities in Hue will be participating in the mission as volunteers.

Each surgery takes about 45 - 60 minutes. To ensure safe operation and health for patients, cleft lip surgery is only allowed for children at least 6 months with 8kg of weight; whereas cleft palate surgery is only allowed for children at least 18 months with 12kg of weight. Children suffering from malnutrition, high fever, asthma cough, heart attack, diabetes and some other special diseases will not be treated.

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