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Dear Ms. Green,

It is my pleasure to provide this update on the 2008 grant to Nghe An Vocational Training Center to replace old furniture and equipment.

The funds were received by Nghe An Vocational Training Center in early March. The procurement policies and procedures utilized by The Asia Foundation had been provided to the Center by Give2Asia, and these were followed by the staff in inviting quotations for purchasing of equipments. As per the grant agreement, the funds were used to replace furniture and equipment that was old, broken or no longer worked. The grant also provided funds to outfit the kitchen and renovate the boarding rooms. Part of the grant was to enhance the capacity of the center in providing job placements and follow-up.

The following furniture and equipment has been purchased and delivered to the center:

- Tables and chairs for four classrooms and a meeting room
- Three computers, three set of chairs and table for computers, telephones and a fax machine, two air conditioners, two cabinets
- A cupboard, chairs and tables, a microwave, a cooking set, bowls and dishes for the kitchen



Some of the above equipment has been installed and the rest is in the process of being installed. The remaining equipment will be bought in the second quarter. The renovation of the boarding rooms is also underway and it is hoped that it will be completed soon.

The leaders and staff of the Nghe An Center really appreciate the importance of the support they have received from the New Day through Give2Asia. The funds have helped to strengthen the capacity of the Nghe An Vocational Training Center to provide better quality vocational training and job placement. The Center trains and supports women and girls from the entire province, and the new kitchen equipment and renovated boarding rooms will make the stay of the residential participants comfortable. The residential participants

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include disadvantaged women and trafficking victims. Communication equipment such as the fax machine and telephone has enabled the center to connect trainees with potential employers and helped facilitate their job placement upon completion of their training.



The Center has also planned to organize mobile training courses in several remote districts starting in July. The cooking sets that have been recently purchased will be taken by road to these districts to support training programs there.

In addition, the Center also provides information on safe migration and prevention of human trafficking as part of the vocational training course. Women are also informed of their legal and workplace rights so that they do not become victim to labor exploitation. This is important for raising the awareness of the participants and teaching them skills for self protection. The Center hopes to continue receiving New Day's support in order to integrate gender and life skills training into its vocational training programs.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (415) 655-4850 or nbakshi@give2asia.org.

Again, thank you for your kind support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nishita Bakshi".

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