

OPENING CEREMONY OF TAM KIM PRIMARY SCHOOL IN NGUYEN BINH DISTRICT, CAO BANG PROVINCE

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The new primary complex encompasses 6 new classrooms, a computer lab and new educational facilities jointly financed by the Boeing Company, local authority and the family of Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap.

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Written by Pham Lieu

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<http://www.dtinews.vn/en/news/020/33041/us-veterans--general-giap-s-family-build-school.html>

By Phuong Nhung



PANO - A nearly US \$180,000 primary school was inaugurated on January 21st in Tam Kim commune, Nguyen Binh district, Cao Bang province.



The Tam Kim Primary School was constructed last year under the auspices of the Boeing Company, General Vo Nguyen Giap's family and the locality.

This two-storey facility has a computer room, a playground and a fresh water system. Designed to suit pupils with disabilities as well, this school will be for 147 pupils and 13 teachers, mainly Tay, Dao and Ngai ethnic minority people.

General Vo Nguyen Giap's family and TECAPRO Company also provided modern study equipment for these pupils.

On the occasion, the sponsors and some beneficiaries, including the Vietnam Veterans of American Fund (VVAFA), presented the school with warm clothing, blankets and books.

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The dedication of 6-classroom building, Tam Kim Primary school, Nguyen Binh district, Cao Bang province took place on January 21th .

Tam Kim commune is where Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap established the Armed Propaganda Team 70 years ago, on December 22th, 1944.

Known as the heroic land of revolution, Tam Kim is where Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap considered as his second homeland. When he was alive, he always hope students of this land to have opportunity to study in spacious schools.

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The dream of teachers and students of Tam Kim primary school of having a new spacious and convenient school has come true thanks to the support of the Boeing Company and the family of Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap.

The complex buidling project is jointly implemented by VVAF, the family of Gen.Vo Nguyen Giap and the People's committee of Nguyen Binh district.



Students of Tam Kim Primary school in their new classroom

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