
Mindray Selected Exclusive Corporate Sponsor of ASE Foundation's Humanitarian Mission to Vietnam



HA NOI, Vietnam--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--[Mindray](#), one of the world's leading developers of cardiac ultrasound technologies, is proud to announce that it was exclusively selected for the American Society of Echocardiography Foundation's (ASEF) humanitarian mission in Hanoi, Vietnam, held August 17-22, 2015. Mindray was chosen as the exclusive partner for the mission because of its rugged, compact, fully featured echocardiography solution and the ability to pull together global support resources.

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The ASE Foundation's program consisted of multiple events, including hands-on training at the Vietnam National Heart Institute at the Bach Mai Hospital, an educational symposium for clinicians based in local provinces, training of local healthcare providers, and a village screening program with over 200 patients. The event was led by Jose Banchs, MD, FASE, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, and James N. Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. One of the key goals of the program was to teach local clinicians how to properly acquire cardiovascular images and utilize compact echo solutions in resource poor areas. Mindray provided six M7 portable cardiac ultrasound systems to the Vietnam National Heart Institute to support the training and clinical programs.

Outreach to rural villages is part of the standard practice of major teaching hospitals in Vietnam. Rheumatic heart disease remains endemic, yet echocardiography, the primary way to detect and characterize early disease (leading to preventive measures) and advanced stage disease (leading to mitral valve interventions) is only available at centers in major cities.

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"The ASE Foundation's mission to Vietnam is of great significance in improving the country's primary healthcare, providing comprehensive training to local caregivers. And the mobility Mindray's hand-carried ultrasound system makes advanced ultrasound technologies more accessible to less developed areas," commented William Song, GM of Mindray Vietnam. "As Mindray's global influence increases, we are also taking more responsibility in supporting local healthcare improvement wherever we are."

"From Mahwah to Shenzhen to Hanoi, we are very pleased to be of assistance to the ASE Foundation and to help ensure that their mission is successful and productive," said Wayne Quinn, President of Mindray North America. "This program also serves as a strong example of Mindray's commitment to the global community and 'healthcare within reach.'"

A leading ultrasound solution provider, Mindray has been dedicated to making advanced ultrasound technologies more accessible. It cooperates closely with professional associations and local hospitals, providing local medical communities with easy-to-use ultrasound solutions and clinical training. Besides Vietnam, Mindray has also sponsored similar missions in other countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, making quality healthcare more accessible to humanity.

About the American Society of Echocardiography

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of more than 16,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise, and education to its members. The Society has a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit www.asecho.org or for the ASE Foundation, visit www.asefoundation.org.

About Mindray

Mindray is a leading developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices worldwide. It maintains its global headquarters in Shenzhen, China, U.S. headquarters in Mahwah, New Jersey and multiple sales offices in major international markets. From its main manufacturing and engineering base in China, Mindray supplies through its worldwide distribution network a broad range of products across three primary business segments, namely patient monitoring and life support, in-vitro diagnostic, and medical imaging systems. Mindray established its Vietnam subsidiary since Aug 2012. For more information, please visit www.mindray.com.

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