

NEWS RELEASE

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VSCSO Awarded \$8620 Grant from Meyers Memorial Trust

Portland, Oregon.

The Vietnamese Science & Culture Society of Oregon (VSCSO) has recently been awarded a one year grant of \$8,620 from the Meyer Memorial Trust (www.mmt.org). "We're extremely grateful to the Meyer Memorial Trust foundation for helping our young organization to quickly gets on its feet," said Chi Jones, president of VSCSO. The grant will be used to purchase computer equipments, software, Lego Robotics kits, and office copiers/printers.

The Lac Hong Vietnamese language school, an organization of -VSCSO, will use the equipments to produce teaching materials. "Due to a large donation of Dell computer laptops from Electro Scientific Industries, a local technology company, each one of our teachers is equipped with a computer laptop. The grant from MMT will let us upgrade the OS to XP and to purchase grading software", said Tri Than, principal of the Lac Hong School. The Lac Hong School teaches about 100 students how to read, write, and speak the Vietnamese language. Classes are held at the PCC Rock Creek campus every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00PM.

Lego robotics kits will be used for Lego Robotics programming class. The class teaches young children hardware and software engineering concepts while having fun at building Lego structures. The class prepares older students in the 9 – 14 age category to compete in the Lego Robotics competition held both locally and nationally.

Some of the grant funding will also be allocated to purchase equipments for VSCSO's youth group, Students Advocates for Success. SAS, led by Mr. Phu Dao and Ms. Jenny Tu, helps at risk local Portland Vietnamese and Asian American high school students by providing mentoring and organizing social activities.

About VSCSO

VSCSO is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization formed by a group of Vietnamese technology professionals in the Portland metro area. Our mission is to promote the Vietnamese culture in the American society and to use our technology resources to promote technology & culture among our young Vietnamese Americans. To learn more about VSCSO, please visit our web sites at www.vscso.org or www.lachongschool.org

About Meyer Memorial Trust

The late Fred G. Meyer, who built the chain of retail stores bearing his name throughout the Pacific Northwest, created the Meyer Memorial Trust. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978 at the age of 92, his will established the Trust, which began operating in 1982. In April 1990 the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust changed its name to Meyer Memorial Trust in order to emphasize that it is a private, independent foundation representing Mr. Meyer's personal philanthropy and is not connected in any way with Fred Meyer Inc. Meyer Memorial Trust has awarded over 4,817 grants for \$372,436,511 since inception. For more information, call (503) 228-5512 or visit www.mmt.org.