

# INTERNATIONAL: EARTHQUAKE DONATION

## Nord Anglia Education sponsors construction of new school for Chinese locals following earthquake

On 30th June Nord Anglia announced that it will make a charitable donation of RMB 500,000 (£40,000) to build a permanent new school in China replacing a school destroyed by the earthquake in May.

The donation will be made to the Chinese charity *China Children and Teenagers Fund* (CCTF) in support of their Spring Bud Project, which assists disadvantaged children who do not have access to education. The new school, which is located in Tianshui, Gansu Province (immediately north of the Sichuan region), is scheduled to be opened by the end of August 2009. It will be named the *Nord Anglia Spring Bud School* and accommodate up to 180 children aged between seven and fourteen.

The funding will be targeted at the construction of the school and the fit out of seven classrooms. As sponsor, Nord Anglia will work closely with the CCTF throughout all stages of the project and is looking forward to developing a long term relationship with the staff and pupils.

Andrew Fitzmaurice, Chief Executive Officer said:

*"We are delighted to offer our full support to the CCTF and be part of the Spring Bud Project. Having operated international schools in China since 2002, and built strong relationships with the local communities, the construction of a new permanent school to help restart the education of local children affected by the earthquake is the best way for us to make a positive long term contribution."*

*"We look forward to working with the CCTF, parents, children, teaching staff and the local community to ensure that the Nord Anglia Spring Bud School is a great success."*

Song Liying, the Secretary-General of CCTF, said:

*"Nord Anglia's donation of RMB 500,000 for the construction of a permanent Spring Bud School in the Gansu Province, one of China's earthquake-stricken areas, will have a significant and positive impact on the local community. We are delighted that local children will be able to continue with their education at the new school and look forward to building a strong relationship with Nord Anglia."*

*"We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Nord Anglia for their support."*

Below: Images of the school in the Gansu Province destroyed by the earthquake.



Below: Pupils in a temporary classroom

