With the support of the Atlantic Philanthropies, Sabre and the Hanoi-based National Center for Scientific and Technology Information (NACESTI) have embarked on a new three-year book donation program in support of seven institutions in Vietnam.

Since 1999, Atlantic has funded Learning Resource Centers at regional universities across Vietnam and also has supported development programs at Hanoi School of Public Health and the National Pediatric Hospital. Sabre’s role will be to provide selected educational materials in a range of subjects, with a particular focus on
health and medicine. The two 20ft. containers to be shipped each year under this new initiative will be received in the first instance by the Vietnam Association for Scientific & Technological Information and Documentation (VASTID).

The first shipment to Vietnam left Sabre’s Lawrence, MA warehouse in June 2006, arriving in the port of Hai Phong in August.

To launch the program, NACESTI organized a book donation ceremony in Hanoi, attended by representatives from the recipient institutions (see photographs below): these include Thai Nguyen University, Hue University, and Da Nang University. The program has also received extensive coverage in the Vietnamese press.