

Press release

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An NGO chooses ECS employees for its flagship project: helping a college in Cambodia become financial independent

ECS will be taking part in a corporate volunteering project helping the charity Passerelles Numériques raise funds from Cambodian businesses for its IT training college. This initiative will help the school continue its work with greater financial independence.

The project – one of the first of its kind in Cambodia – is a joint initiative with Passerelles Numériques, a charity which gives disadvantaged young people the chance to train and qualify for jobs in the IT sector.

The project will be managed by a committee made up of people in charge of liaising with local businesses in Cambodia, members of the Passerelles Numériques team, and former ECS volunteers, who have remained committed to the project since returning from Cambodia.

Working with the committee, the new ECS volunteers will have the opportunity to give trainees the benefit of their skills as part of a sales training course during which they will assist the Cambodian teams during the fund-raising campaign.

“We wanted to get involved in a project that reflects ECS Group’s values,” says Véronique Di Benedetto, ECS’ Managing Director. “This volunteering project is an opportunity for employees to see things from a different perspective, improve their ability to take initiatives and, most importantly, lend their skills and knowledge to a worthy cause.”

So far, ten ECS volunteers have contributed their skills to volunteer projects since 2007 and ECS is currently financing the second “Class of ECS” (25 graduates) in Cambodia. A pilot training college was set up in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in October 2005 and now has 250 students who, after graduation, will be qualified IT technicians. Following the success of their flagship school, Passerelles Numériques subsequently opened colleges in Cebu, the Philippines and Danang, Vietnam, in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

About Passerelles Numériques

Passerelles Numériques' mission is to help as many disadvantaged young people as possible train and qualify for jobs in the IT sector.

To find out more: www.passerellesnumeriques.org

About ECS

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Société Générale Group, ECS offers IT infrastructure solutions to over 12,000 clients across Europe, helping them achieve optimal availability, flexibility and control of their IT resources, thereby enhancing their market competitiveness and profitability. With 1600 employees in 66 offices and 17 countries, ECS offers companies unrivalled combined expertise to help them optimise the technical and financial aspects of their IT investments:

Value-add leasing services:

- Flexible budget management solutions tailored to the company's technological environment.
- Administrative and logistical management services – tracking of leased assets and budget allocation.
- Expertise in structured leasing solutions and off-balance-sheet financing (IFRS and US GAAP).

IT Services:

- Business Continuity for IT assets and related services.
- Selective outsourcing of centralised or distributed infrastructures.
- Expertise in designing and implementing high availability, security, consolidation and virtualisation solutions.

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