

Avnet Employees Worldwide Send Aid to Chinese Earthquake Victims

After southwestern China's Sichuan province was struck by a terrible earthquake in May, Avnet employees around the world rushed to help by donating \$93,169 to the American Red Cross and other rebuilding projects. As it has done following other disasters, Avnet matched every dollar donated by employees, bringing the total contribution to \$186,338.

Avnet employees in the Asia Pacific region provided the lion's share, donating \$68,002 to a global fundraising campaign in partnership with the American Red Cross. They raised another \$17,392 for rebuilding projects. Working with the Education Board of Dujiangyan city in the Sichuan province to identify schools which require assistance in rebuilding, the Avnet teams in South China and Hong Kong purchased and shipped writing desks, chairs and double-deck beds for Xiange School. Additionally, the Avnet team in North China created the "Avnet Education Subsidy Fund" for needy students of the Juyuan Middle School in Dujiangyan city.

Other Avnet employees from around the world donated \$7,775 during the American Red Cross campaign.

Measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale, the earthquake was the worst natural disaster to hit China in more than 30 years. Fortunately, all of Avnet's staff in the area, including employees in Chengdu and Avnet YEL employees in southwest China, was unharmed.