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| **Saigon youth provides free education for *underprivileged children*.**  **For the last three years, 22-year-old Phan Trung Hai from District 7 of HCMC has been keeping a special classroom, where underprivileged students can have access to proper education, alive.**  The class was initially created and taught by Hai’s mother.  After she could not continue the work due to old age, Hai decided to stand in his mother’s place when he was still a **freshman** at the HCMC College of Transportation.  Hai has been with the class for three years since then, and he still expresses a burning passion for helping underprivileged children by sharing his knowledge and setting them up for life.  His classroom is a small room built with the support of local authorities; its space barely fits a dozen student desks.  The desks were donated by local benefactors, but he had to pay for notebooks, textbooks, pens, rulers, and all the other necessary school supplies for the students from his own pocket, according to Hai.  In this class, Hai teaches Vietnamese, math, and ethics as he wishes the children to grow up to be well **versed** in words and numbers as well as the manners required to be upstanding members of the community.  His students are at different educational stages of the K-12 **curriculum**, ranging from first to sixth grades.  In order to ensure the lessons are appropriate for all levels, Hai has to **segment** them very carefully.  After three years of operation with two generations of teachers, the tiny class has delivered much-needed lessons to some 30 students whose parents could not afford to send them to conventional schools.  “I am delighted to be able to teach the class. Despite their struggles, all the kids are eager to learn. They have motivated me to continue teaching,” Hai said.  “Every student in this class has a dream: becoming a doctor or teacher is one. The future is hard to tell but I will try my best to support and educate the children.” | ***underprivileged children:*** *những đứa trẻ kém may mắn.*  **Freshman/**’freshmen: a student in the first year of the course at a university, college/ đại học năm nhất.  **Versed/** və:st: good  **Curriculum/** kə'rikjuləm: chương trình dạy  **Segment:** devided |