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42 UITM STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM STANDARD CHARTERED'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROGRAMME

Kuala Lumpur, 25 April 2008 – 42 students from Universiti Teknologi MARA graduated from the International Trade Programme of the Standard Chartered Global Shared Services Centre in Kuala Lumpur (GSSC KL) today.

The students from UiTM's Faculty of Business Management were conferred Certificates from the International Trade Programme. "32 of the students have been offered employment and absorbed into GSSC KL's Wholesale Banking Operations Division, which serves the Standard Chartered Group's operations in up to 15 countries," explained Azizan Ahmad, Head of Wholesale Banking Operations, Standard Chartered.

Present at the ceremony held in Technology Park Malaysia was UiTM's Assistant Vice Chancellor (International), Associate Professor Dr Zaini Abdullah who said, "We have a lot of graduates with high academic qualifications but very little 'real world' experience. The School of Trade's excellent programme integrates lectures and real-time practical training. Being immersed in the world-class banking standards and operations provided by Standard Chartered, our students will have the potential to become world-class bankers. "

"GSSC KL has exciting growth plans : we plan to double our staff strength from 2200 to 4000 by the year 2010, "said Arif Siddiqui, CIO, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia and Head, GSSC KL. "Malaysian jobseekers who are interested to be trained or have promising careers with a reputable international bank can approach us for opportunities in Wholesale Banking and Consumer Banking Operations, Software Development and I.T. Services."

GSSC KL's School of Trade is an internship program designed with the mission to provide "Career-Focused Quality Education". The program enables students in the Business Management Faculty to undergo practical attachment. It is an opportunity for students to integrate formal classroom education with on-the-job experience of international trade. The School of Trade also welcomes students from other colleges and universities : those interested can email enquiries and applications to Fazleen Azita at Fazleen.Abd-Rahim@standardchartered.com

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Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank in its markets through leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders. The group now employs 73,000 people, representing 115 nationalities, in more than 1,700 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The bank derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with balanced income derived from both Wholesale and Consumer Banking.

The group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. For more information, please visit: www.standardchartered.com

Standard Chartered Global Shared Services Centre, Kuala Lumpur

The Standard Chartered Global Shared Services Centre in Kuala Lumpur (GSSC KL) is a strategic partner to the Bank globally, through the provision of a wide range of value-added and complex services from Software Development to Banking Operations, and I.T. and Helpdesk Services.

Established in 2001, GSSC KL comprises Scope International Malaysia and IT-365 Malaysia, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Standard Chartered Plc., United Kingdom. GSSC KL supports the Group's Wholesale & Consumer Banking operations across 15 countries in Asia and the Middle East. It also provides I.T. services, data centre operations, I.T. security management and service quality services to over 40,000 Standard Chartered staff in Asia.

Malaysia's largest software development centre is GSSC KL's International Software Centre Malaysia (ISCM), which supports the Group in over 60 countries. ISCM develops and manages applications such as Core Retail Banking System, Credit Card Management System, Secured Lending, Testing & Configuration Management, Engineering Quality, Channel Wealth Management, Global Release Management, Management Office and Regional Resource Management.