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Standard Chartered Rm1.18m Commitment To Support Children Affected By Hiv/Aids

Over 300 children across Malaysia to receive financial relief

Kuala Lumpur, Monday, 30 June 2008 – The global response to children affected by HIV/AIDS does not come close to matching the enormity of their rapidly expanding plight. Recognising only a small number of children in Malaysia made orphaned or vulnerable by AIDS receive public support, Standard Chartered Bank has stepped up to provide aid to these children.

Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad today pledged RM1.18 million to the Standard Chartered Paediatric HIV/AIDS Programme to support children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in Malaysia. The programme was set up in collaboration with Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF).

Aimed at alleviating financial strains of children affected by HIV/AIDS, the programme will support 330 children from families with financial challenges. The financial relief will provide children the basic needs such as food, education and medical treatment.

Mr Julian Wynter, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad said:

“In our determination to build a sustainable business, Standard Chartered is constantly alert to ways of making a meaningful contribution to the communities in which we operate. Issues of communities living with HIV/AIDS are particularly important to us. Therefore, apart from prevention and education on HIV/AIDS, we also recognise that we should make a more immediate contribution to those suffering with the consequences of the disease. This is what gave rise to our work

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with the orphanages here in Malaysia and our natural progression to collaborate with MAF to provide financial relief to more children.

I'm pleased that we are working with MAF on yet another endeavour. Their dedication in responding to the epidemic mirrors our efforts in educating the community on and supporting children and women affected by HIV/AIDS."

Through the Standard Chartered Paediatric HIV/AIDS programme, children infected and affected with HIV/AIDS will each receive RM100 a month for the next three years starting from July 2008. The funds contributed by the bank's trust foundation, Standard Chartered Trust Fund (SCTF) will be disbursed to MAF, the programme manager.

The children identified by MAF are aged between one and 13 years and living with relatives or guardians. The beneficiaries have been selected based on recommendations by doctors and MAF's partner organisations. Funds channelled to MAF will subsequently be distributed to the individual beneficiaries. MAF will conduct regular audits to monitor the progress of the programme and the development of these children.

The sponsorship agreement between SCTF and MAF was signed by Julian Wynter, who is also the SCTF Chairman and Professor Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Chairman of MAF. The signing was witnessed by trustees from both foundations.

At the announcement of the collaboration, Professor Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman said:

"Last year, a total of 243 children were supported through the MAF Paediatric AIDS Fund through generous donations from the public. This year, I hope with Standard Chartered's contribution, many more lives will be touched. It is also our hope that more corporate citizens will look upon you as a role model and rally in our fight to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Together, we can work towards achieving our aim of creating an environment free from prejudice and stigma."

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The Malaysian AIDS Foundation estimates that over 80,000 people in Malaysia are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and more than 1,000 children are infected with the virus, with many of them left orphaned due to the disease claiming one or both parents. It is believed that the figures are just the tip of the iceberg as many cases remain unreported.

Apart from the Standard Chartered Paediatric HIV/AIDS Programme, the Bank supports two homes with women and children who are either affected or infected by HIV/AIDS.

Standard Chartered Bank is committed to raising awareness on HIV and AIDS. Organisations interested to be part of the Bank's *Living with HIV* education programme can contact the Bank's Corporate Affairs department. For more information on our community investment, visit www.standardchartered.com/sustainability.

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Standard Chartered Trust Fund

Standard Chartered Trust Fund (SCTF) was registered in 2005 under the Trustee Incorporation Act 1952 to manage and distribute funds raised through Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad organised events and employee donations. SCTF also receives an annual grant from the Bank. The objective of the Trust Foundation is to make further contributions and engagement with the local community. The SCTF is administered by a Board of Trustees, comprising six members of whom three are prominent Malaysian philanthropist and two other are Standard Chartered Bank divisional heads from Finance and Corporate Affairs. Chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad, the SCTF Board oversees a Working Committee which is responsible for the day to day management of the SCTF.

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London-headquartered group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and the number of employees have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

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 in Malaysia

Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad, a member of the Standard Chartered Group was established in Malaysia in 1875 and locally incorporated on 1 July 1994. As Malaysia's first bank, Standard Chartered leads the way through product innovation, consistent and strong growth performance and sustainability initiatives. It provides a comprehensive range of financial products and services including retail, Islamic and wholesale banking for individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, corporate and institutions through its network of 37 branches across Malaysia.

In 2001, Standard Chartered established one of two of its global shared service centres in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to provide IT support and processing services to the Bank's operations in 15 countries – the first bank in Malaysia to do so. It now houses the biggest software development company in the country, International Software Centre Malaysia (ISCM). The other global shared service centre is located in Chennai, India.

Apart from its shared service centres, the Group has also established a wholly owned subsidiary company, Price Solutions Sdn. Bhd. to promote and market Standard Chartered's financial products in Malaysia.

Standard Chartered employs more than 5,000 employees in its Malaysian operations.