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## **Standard Chartered tees off with Clients**

**Kuala Lumpur, 17 July 2008** – The Wholesale Banking team of Standard Chartered hosted one of its largest golf tournaments for CEO and CFOs of leading local and multinational companies at the Kota Permai Golf & Country Club recently. The platform provided the Wholesale Banking team a good networking opportunity.

Nirukt Sapru, Head Origination & Client Coverage, Wholesale Banking said,

“A day out on the green is a good platform to spend time with our customers outside of the meeting room, getting to know them better and deepening our relationship with them. Our clients equally enjoy the sport and can interact in an environment of good, healthy, competitive fun.”

More than 60 clients joined the Bank’s Wholesale Banking co-heads, Nirukt Sapru and Sandeep Bahl, Chief Financial Officer, Foong Pik Yee and Chairman, Tan Sri Dato’ Mohd Sheriff Md Kassim on the course.

Some of the business leaders spotted at the golf tournament included Dato’ Dr Mohd Ajib Anuar, Group CEO & Executive Director, Malaysian Smelting Corporation Bhd, Dato’ Syed Arif Fadzillah, Executive Chairman LCL Corp, Dato’ Bukhari b Mohd Sawi, CEO Nafas, Bill Lisle, CEO Prudential Assurance, Jahanath Muthusamy, President & CEO Affin Insurance, Soonil Hwang, Finance Director Tesco Stores, Saw Wah Theng, Financial Director, Gamuda Bhd, Keith Brooks, CFO Mitra

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## **Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East**

Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The 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](http://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.