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Merdeka FunD Walk to Raise RM80,000 for Charity

Scope International renews its annual commitment for the underprivileged

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 AUGUST 2008 – Scope International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Plc., United Kingdom, organized a 5-km Mass Walk today to raise RM80,000 to benefit children living with HIV/AIDS and other underprivileged groups.

More than 900 participants comprising staff, family and friends of Scope International and Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia; and members of the public turned up in full force at Padang Merbok, the Start and End-point for the Walk. Huge colourful canopies, food, handicraft and amusement stalls, as well as live performances by both local artistes and Standard Chartered staff entertained the crowd.

“In recent years, we are seeing more community, youth and grassroots support for the underprivileged. This is a welcome development which shows an increase in civic consciousness in society,” said Datuk Hj. Salleh bin Yusup, Director General of Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL), before he flagged off the enthusiastic crowd.

“I am pleased that Standard Chartered, an international financial group, has at heart the welfare of underprivileged persons in Malaysia, especially young children living with HIV/AIDS.”

Arif Siddiqui, Chief Information Officer Malaysia and Director of Scope International said, “This year marks the fourth year we have been raising funds through our annual charity walk. We are proud to get tremendous support from our employees – the number of participants has risen from 400 last year to more than 900 this year. This proves the determination of Standard Chartered staff to show that anybody, especially the corporate sector, can do more for HIV/AIDS victims in this country.”

The funds raised from the 2007 event were used to purchase a Toyota van for Rumah Wake, one of two homes for HIV/AIDS infected and affected single mothers and children supported by Standard Chartered Bank under its ‘Living with HIV/AIDS’ Programme. Since 2005, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia has contributed over RM36,000 annually to each of the homes for rental and provision.

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About Scope International Malaysia

Scope International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered Plc., United Kingdom, is the first Global Shared Services Hub of an International Bank in Malaysia.

Established in 2001, Scope International Malaysia is a strategic partner to the Standard Chartered Bank through the provision of a wide range of services from software and systems development, wholesale and consumer banking operations, as well as I.T. and Helpdesk services in up to 70 countries worldwide. The company’s International Software Centre

Malaysia (ISCM) is the largest software development centre in Malaysia. GSSC KL currently employs over 2,200 staff and plans to double its staff strength to 4,500 by the year 2011.

Standard Chartered Plc., listed on both London and Hong Kong stock exchanges, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered Group employs 75,000 people comprising 115 nationalities with branches in 70 countries and has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.