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STANDARD CHARTERED BANK CALLS ON BUSINESSES TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

'Living with HIV' programme aims for prevention through education'

Malaysia, 1 December 2008 – On this World AIDS Day 2008, Standard Chartered Bank is calling on businesses and organisations to join in the global fight against HIV and AIDS. The Bank's *Living with HIV* programme aims to reduce the number of new HIV infections through effective education to enable people to make safe lifestyle choices.

Through the Clinton Global Initiative, Standard Chartered has pledged to educate one million people on HIV and AIDS by 2010. This is being achieved through an HIV workplace education programme called *Living with HIV* that educates Standard Chartered staff and other companies on the issues around the epidemic. Hundreds of staff volunteers, called 'HIV Champions', have been trained to run the education programmes across 50 countries.

Standard Chartered is offering these education tools and the expertise of HIV Champions free of charge to partner companies who wish to implement HIV education programmes within their own organisations. Major global organisations such as AIESEC, Virgin Group and Crown Worldwide have already joined.

In the past 25 years, over 30 million people have died from AIDS-related illnesses globally. There are currently more than 33 million people living with the HIV virus and there are 6,800 new infections daily.

In Malaysia, more than 10,000 people living with HIV have died over the years. Hence realizing the gravity of the importance to educate, raise and care for those infected and affected by HIV, Standard Chartered Malaysia works closely with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation in raising awareness among its staff and stakeholders.

Julian Wynter, CEO of Standard Chartered Malaysia and Chairman of the SCTF, said:

"It is absolutely critical for us as a company to help educate people on HIV and AIDS for the sake of the communities where we do business. We invite other companies to get in touch with us and utilise our HIV Champions to help build education programmes for their staff."



In addition to raising awareness, through its charitable arm, Standard Chartered Trust Fund (SCTF) which was established in 2004, it also pursued an adoption scheme of three HIV-related Homes providing shelter to infected or affected children and mothers. Earlier this year, SCTF took another step forward towards providing financial support amounting to RM1.2 million to be disbursed to HIV-infected children staying with their relatives. The disbursement which will be done over a period of three years will be channelled through the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. Over 300 children identified by MAF will benefit from the funds.

Requests for sponsorship to the SCTF can be sent to:

The Standard Chartered Trust Fund
PO Box 11001,
50732 Kuala Lumpur

Living with HIV is part of Standard Chartered's Sustainability strategy, through which it aims to contribute positively to the communities where it operates, focusing on HIV and AIDS education, environmental protection, assisting the visually impaired through "Seeing is Believing" and empowering women through "GOAL".

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

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 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 profits 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 for its customers across its markets. The Bank derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, generated from its Wholesale and Consumer Banking businesses. The Group has around 1,750 branches and outlets located in over



70 countries. The extraordinary growth of its markets and businesses creates exciting and challenging international career opportunities.

Leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders, 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. It employs 75,000 people, nearly half of whom are women. The Group's employees are of 115 nationalities, of which 60 are represented among senior management.

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 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 a global shared service centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to provide software development, banking operations and IT support services to the Bank in up to 70 countries – the first international bank to do so in Malaysia. It now houses the biggest software development company in the country, International Software Centre Malaysia (ISCM). Standard Chartered's two other global shared service centres are in Chennai, India and Tianjin, China.

Another wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, Price Solutions Sdn. Bhd is also located in Malaysia. The company promotes and markets Standard Chartered's financial products in Malaysia through a network of direct sales agents.

Standard Chartered Saadiq Berhad, its Islamic banking subsidiary, was established in October 2008. It offers a comprehensive range of Shariah-compliant products and services to individuals and corporates.

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