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## **Paralympics Champion hopes to inspire Malaysian athletes to London glory**

**Kuala Lumpur, 25 June 2011** – Henry Wanyoike, gold medallist at Sydney and Athens Paralympics, offered words of wisdom to aspiring athletes at the Standard Chartered Running Clinic held at National Sports Complex, Bukit Jalil on Friday, 24 June 2011.

Henry Wanyoike, the blind athlete from Kenya who has earned international acclaim for his record breaking heroics at Paralympic athletics, along with his running partner Joseph Kibunja, are both Goodwill Ambassadors for ‘Seeing is Believing’ – Standard Chartered Bank’s global community programme aimed at eradicating avoidable blindness.

Henry addressed a gathering of around 200 people that included Malaysian Paralympic athletes training to compete in the London Paralympics 2012. Also in the audience were 50 students from the Standard Chartered supported special education institute Sekolah Menengah Pendidikan Khas Cacat Penglihatan in Setapak, and 10 visually impaired athletes from the Malaysian Association for the Blind.

Henry and Joseph are in Kuala Lumpur to compete in the Half-Marathon category for the third edition of the Standard Chartered KL Marathon this coming Sunday, 26 June. They have been running in the Standard Chartered KL Marathon since 2009, and frequently participate in other Standard Chartered marathons around the world.

Henry shared his story of lapsing into depression due to his sudden blindness. But despite the setback that would break most spirits, Henry was able to overcome the heartbreak to go on to accomplish his dream of being a successful athlete.

Standard Chartered Malaysia CIO and Head GSSC Malaysia, Arif Siddiqui said, "Henry's story is incredible. It is one of hope born out of despair, but it's also one of courage, dedication and partnership."

After the motivational session, Henry and Joseph conducted a training session for the visually impaired athletes and children to teach them how to run most efficiently with a sighted partner. The training will enable the runners to prepare for the Seeing is Believing run at the Standard Chartered KL Marathon 2011.

For more information on the Standard Chartered KL Marathon, log on to [www.kl-marathon.com](http://www.kl-marathon.com)

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In 2001, Standard Chartered UK established its second global technology & operations centre, Scope International, in Malaysia – the first international bank to do so in the country. Scope International provides software development, banking operations, IT support services, contact centre and other customer service capabilities to the Bank in up to 70 countries. It now houses the biggest software development company in the country, International Software Centre Malaysia (ISCM) and has a total workforce of more than 4,000 people.

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For more information on Standard Chartered, please visit [www.standardchartered.com](http://www.standardchartered.com)

### **About the Standard Chartered KL Marathon 2011**

Back for the third time, the Standard Chartered KL Marathon is scheduled to take place this year on 26 June 2011. This year, the marathon aims to grow to 25,000 total participants, ranging from elite professionals to first-time amateurs. A truly international event, the Standard Chartered KL Marathon boasts participants from all over Malaysia and 45 countries.

The Standard Chartered KL Marathon 2011 continues as Malaysia's flagship running event with top runners competing for a total of USD 100,000 prize money in full marathon, half marathon. Other categories include 10km, 5km and kids dash (3km & 950m) categories.