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Standard Chartered is winner of Total Caring Award 2005/06 – *leading the way in corporate social responsibility*

(Hong Kong – 13 February 2006) Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited has today been presented the ‘Total Caring Award’ by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS).

The ‘Total Caring Award’ is established by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service under the ‘Caring Company Scheme’ to recognize a company that demonstrates continual, sustainable and strong commitment in caring for the well-being of its employees, their families and the wider community.

Mr Peter Sullivan, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited thanked the employees of Standard Chartered for their contribution. He said, “Standard Chartered is very honoured to receive this prestigious award. This is a great affirmation of the contribution made by our staff and their families for the community. With a history of nearly 150 years in Hong Kong, we are committed to making a positive impact to Hong Kong society.”

“Motivation for corporate social responsibility must come from within an organization. Large corporations, with more resources, should lead the way in promoting corporate social responsibility and setting an example,” noted Mr Sullivan.

“Standard Chartered has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in all of the Award’s 6 criteria: Volunteering, Being Family Friendly, Employing the Vulnerable, Partnering, Mentoring and Giving, through its community initiatives, corporate sponsorships, people management policies and its employee-led community care and volunteering organization. Its efforts and contribution to the community are commendable,” said the Hon Bernard Chan, Chairman of the HKCSS.

Standard Chartered operates two award-winning global community programmes: the “Seeing is Believing” campaign targets to restore sight to one million people by the end of 2006. Through “Seeing is Believing”, Standard Chartered has raised over HK\$3.2 million for Orbis in Hong Kong in 2005.

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“Living with HIV” is a staff and community HIV / AIDS awareness and education programme. In 2005, Standard Chartered trained its staff and their families to go into the community teaching the importance of HIV education, awareness, prevention, and tolerance. The education programme’s tremendous success has inspired Standard Chartered to extend its reach to the employees of other companies and organizations, to the young, and to the community at large.

Through a decade of sponsorship of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, Standard Chartered has aroused the sporting and health awareness in the Hong Kong community, and has raised over HK\$ 12 million for the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKSAP) through the Marathon Charity Programme.

Standard Chartered also supports numerous other community activities in line with the Bank’s three main themes for community work: youth, health and education.

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Note to Editors:

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

The history of Standard Chartered in Hong Kong dates back to 1859. It is currently one of the SAR’s three note-issuing banks. Standard Chartered incorporated its Hong Kong business on 1 July 2004, and now operates as a licensed bank in Hong Kong under the name of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC.

Standard Chartered PLC is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and is ranked in the top 25 among FTSE-100 companies, by market capitalisation. Standard Chartered has a history of over 150 years in banking and is in many of the world’s fastest growing markets. It has an extensive global network of over 1,200 branches (including subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) in 56 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the Americas. As one of the world’s most international banks, Standard Chartered employs over 40,000 people, representing 80 nationalities, worldwide. Serving both Consumer and Wholesale Banking customers, the Bank combines deep local knowledge with global capability to offer a wide range of innovative products and services as well as award winning solutions. Standard Chartered is committed to be the Right Partner to all our stakeholders by living its values in its approach to managing its people, exceeding expectations of its customers, making a difference in the communities that we operate in and working with its regulators. The Bank is trusted across its network for its standard of governance and corporate responsibility.

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