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Standard Chartered Best Lending Rate remains unchanged

Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Bank”) announces that its Best Lending Rate will remain unchanged at 5.50 percent per annum.

With effect from 5 May 2008, rates for HKD savings accounts will be as follows:

Account balance (HKD)	Interest rate (p.a.)
500,000 and above	0.25%
150,000 – below 500,000	0.01%
Below 150,000	0.01%

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Note to Editor:

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, 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.

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.

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