

press release

Standard Chartered Mourns for Earthquake Victims

Hong Kong , 19 May 2008 – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited announced that all Hong Kong staff will stand in silence for 3 minutes from 2:28pm today to mourn for earthquake victims, while keeping operations without disruptions.

Standard Chartered Hong Kong has set up an account to receive public donations for China Earthquake Relief. All donations will go to Hong Kong Red Cross for emergency, rehabilitation and disaster preparedness for the China earthquake affected areas.

Standard Chartered Account Number: 368-0-070190-5

Please visit any Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) branches to make donations, or call the customer hotline at 2282 3713 for more information.

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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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