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SCBHK employees cheer for all athletes in Beijing

Hong Kong, 08 August 2008 - Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (“SCBHK”) recently launched a “Happy Fridays” initiative. Special themes are introduced for staff to celebrate the Fridays, and today’s theme is to “Cheer for the athletes”.

The Bank invited its employees to turn up in sportswear today (shown in pictures). The employees were also encouraged to finish meetings early, so they could leave early to enjoy the live broadcast of today’s Grand Opening at home with their families.

SCBHK Happy Fridays encourages all employees to enjoy their weekends with their families and for personal interests - by making their best efforts to complete all meetings by 5pm and to leave on time on Fridays.





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About Standard Chartered PLC

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 who are women. The Group's employees are of 115 nationalities, of which 60 are represented among senior management.

About Standard Chartered (Hong Kong) Limited

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 Bank (Hong Kong) Limited was named the "Employer of Choice" at the prestigious Hong Kong HR Awards 2008, and also named by The Gallup Organisation as a winner of the Gallup Great Workplace Award.

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