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Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited Appoints May Tan as Non-executive Director

Hong Kong, 9 January 2009 – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited has appointed May Tan as a Non-executive Director with effect from 2 January 2009.

May has been the CEO of Cazenove Asia since 1993. She has been instrumental in developing both the equities and investment banking businesses and expanding the geographical footprint of the Asian operations.

May has been actively involved in the development of the Hong Kong equity markets. She was a committee member of the Hong Kong Institute of Investment Analysts for many years and has been a member of the Securities and Futures Commission Takeovers Panel and the Takeovers Appeal Committee since 2001.

She is a member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and UK Securities Institute, as well as a Council Member and Treasurer of Oxfam Hong Kong.

Sir CK Chow, Chairman of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, said, “We are pleased to welcome Ms Tan to our Board. Her extensive experience in the Asian banking business and equities market will be invaluable to the Bank.”

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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 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.

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 75,000 people, representing 115 nationalities, in more than 1,750 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries.

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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