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## Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited Once Again Won the Gallup Great Workplace Award 2009

**Hong Kong, 16 March 2009:** Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited proudly announces that it has been named by The Gallup Organisation as a winner – and the only one from Hong Kong - of the Gallup Great Workplace Award for the second consecutive year. This global award recognizes companies for their extraordinary ability to create an engaged workplace culture, in which employees have an emotional connection to the company's mission and growth – a core success factor in delivering superior performance.

To compete for this award, companies need to fulfill a set of stringent criteria related to their annual employee engagement survey which is based on Gallup's Q12 process (Q12 Survey). Submissions were evaluated by a panel of workplace experts. Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited's results places it amongst the top organizations in the world in employee engagement.

"The winners of this award have established a new global standard for engaging people," said **Tom Rath**, who leads Gallup's Workplace and Leadership Consulting practice. "When compared to the millions of workgroups we have studied around the world, the awardees have worked tirelessly to create an environment that values people. They go far beyond trivial perks to ensure that each employee has an emotional connection to the company's mission and growth."

**Ben Hung**, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited said: "Standard Chartered truly believes that people are our differentiator for success, and we always dedicate resources to providing a great work place for our people. We are honoured to be recognized with this prestigious award which is a true testament to the strength and caliber of our management team and staff in Hong Kong. What makes this achievement even more valuable is that the last Q12 survey was conducted during the turn of the economic environment. This proves that in times of turmoil, staff engagement matters



more than ever.”

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**Notes to the 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 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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