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## **Standard Chartered Bank Sponsors Chi Heng Foundation to Participate in Hong Kong Marathon**

**(1 December 2006, Shanghai)** Standard Chartered Bank (“Standard Chartered”) today announced that it is helping to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS by sponsoring Chi Heng Foundation to participate in the next Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon.

Participants from the Hong Kong-registered charity, the Chi Heng Foundation, comprising both volunteer staff and AIDS orphans will be running in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 10km run together with Standard Chartered staff and other runners.

Standard Chartered hopes to raise thousands of dollars to fund HIV projects of Chi Heng Foundation, which aims to give HIV/AIDS affected children the sense of community and belonging by funding their education and living expenses.

The Bank will raise funds amongst its staff over the next three months and has also set up a website to allow Hong Kong residents to donate money to the foundation.

Chung To, Founder of the Chi Heng Foundation, said, “We are very excited about this opportunity to raise awareness for HIV/AIDS. This disease continues to present enormous challenges to our society and we hope this event will help to remind people that we all need to take responsibility not only when it comes to prevention,

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but also in helping those whose families have been affected by HIV/AIDS to lead normal lives."

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## **Chi Heng Foundation**

Founded in 1998, the Chi Heng Foundation is a charity registered and based in Hong Kong with offices in Henan, Anhui, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. It is a non-government organization whose programs are funded by private donors, business, and partner NGOs.

"Chi Heng" means "wisdom in action", and at CHF we believe we must use our knowledge to help people in need. With this in mind, CHF moves from village to village throughout Central China offering help to all children affected by AIDS through funding their education and living expenses, thereby ensuring that no child is excluded and each child's needs are fully understood.

CHF promises a long-term commitment to helping children not only complete their education but also receive dependable, comprehensive support.

For more information on the Chi Heng Foundation, please log on to:

<http://www.chihengfoundation.com/>

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Standard Chartered PLC is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and is consistently ranked in the top 25 among FTSE-100 companies by market capitalisation.

Standard Chartered has a history of over 150 years in banking and operates in many of the world's fastest-growing markets with an extensive global network of over 1,400 branches (including subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) in over 50 countries in the Asia Pacific Region, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the Americas.

As one of the world's most international banks, Standard Chartered employs 60,000 people, representing over 90 nationalities, worldwide. This diversity lies at the heart of the Bank's values and supports the Bank's growth as the world increasingly becomes one market.

With strong organic growth supported by strategic alliances and acquisitions and driven by its strengths in the balance and diversity of its business, products, geography and people, Standard Chartered is well positioned in the emerging trade corridors of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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