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Liverpool FC Captain Steven Gerrard surprises Standard Chartered Staff in the UAE

UAE, 21 December, 2011 – Liverpool FC Captain and England midfielder, Steven Gerrard surprised staff at Standard Chartered Bank in Abu Dhabi when he visited their workplace last week.

Organised as part of its sponsorship of Liverpool Football Club, Standard Chartered Bank gave its staff the exclusive opportunity to meet and interact with the soccer star in a one hour session.

The once in a lifetime opportunity was greeted with much excitement by the Bank's staff on the day of Gerrard's arrival as the identity of the player was not revealed prior to the meeting.

Steven Gerrard said, "It was an interesting experience for me to meet people from Standard Chartered Bank in the UAE. Their passion for the sport is amazing and it pleases me to know that the club has a strong fan base here."

Jonathan Morris, CEO, UAE said, "Our staff were excited to be given the opportunity to meet one of the greatest players in the English Premier League. Steven's interaction with our staff will be remembered for a long time to come. We are very pleased to see our Partnership with Liverpool FC benefiting our staff as well as the communities where we live and work."

The meeting with Gerrard followed a visit to Dubai in November by LFC Legend Ian Rush. The star spent three days leading a team of Liverpool FC community coaches, who held clinics for the children of the Bank's customers. The event coincided with a competition organised by Standard Chartered in which two lucky children won the honour of walking the Liverpool FC team out onto the field at Anfield next February.

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