

# press release

## Standard Chartered organizes "Bring Your Kid to Work" day

**29 May 2017, Bandar Seri Begawan** – Standard Chartered Bank organized a "Bring Your Kid to Work" day recently last Friday, to encourage parents to bring their children to the office to learn about how a bank operates and what their parents do at work. 17 children aged between two to 7 years of age, took part in the voluntary programme where they gathered in the Bank's headquarters in Bandar Seri Begawan.

Laila Li Abdullah, Head Human Resources at Standard Chartered Bank Brunei said: "At Standard Chartered Bank, we fully encourage any voluntary work that is educational, and promotes a healthy work-life balance. What better way for children to learn more about a bank, than to experience an afternoon "working" in a Bank with their parents".

The purpose of the event was to expose children to a positive work environment and begin to develop skills that could last them a lifetime. Parents, volunteers and children spent the Friday afternoon with the children at Standard Chartered Bank's Main Office. The children were then treated to goody bags and fun activities such as colouring, financial word search and games. The programme was run by staff volunteers.

The programme started with a tour around the main office and included a variety of activities to share the exciting work happening at the Bank and spark interest in the children of our workplace and colleagues. The activity gave our colleagues a chance to show their children where they worked and allowed the children to understand better about what their parents do while letting colleagues get to know each other's families.

Standard Chartered Bank is one of the few organisations that actively encourage its staff to take time off work to volunteer in the community by giving all staff three days of employee volunteering leave in addition to their annual leave. The Bank also actively pursues a robust work-life balance culture, and it recently announced the roll out of an enhanced employee benefiting expectant mothers and new fathers. As part of Standard Chartered's family-friendly culture, the Bank rolled out a 20-week maternity leave, while new fathers' benefits also includes a 2-week paid paternity and adoption leave for all employees. Employees will also be able to take 2 weeks' leave for adoption.

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