

press release

Standard Chartered donates visual assistive equipment to visually impaired students

Bandar Seri Begawan, 10 March 2016 – Standard Chartered Bank held a donation handover presentation to more than 19 visually impaired students at the Special Education Unit (UPK) headquarters in Gadong yesterday morning. Standard Chartered donated more than BND10,000 worth of visual assistive equipment to the students who were identified through the Special Education Unit, providing them with equal opportunity for learning in mainstream schools.

Presenting the items to the students was Rino Donosepoetro, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank who said:

“For many years now, since 2003, Standard Chartered Bank has been passionate about our cause against avoidable, preventable or treatable, blindness and have been active around many initiatives locally and globally to tackle this under our Seeing is Believing programme.”

“Through the donation of these items, we hope to provide visually impaired students with the correct tools to assist them with their school work, hence being able to excel further in school and towards a brighter future,” he added.

“We are extremely grateful with the continuous support Standard Chartered Bank has given to the Special Education Unit. This donation will go a long way towards improving the learning needs of children with visual impairment in school and really make a difference in their lives, encouraging them to be active learners and enabling them to aspire to greater heights.” Praised Pg Sarimah Binti Pg Haji Ahmad, Acting Head at the Special Education Unit, Ministry of Education.

Standard Chartered worked with V-Care Optical to donate glasses with specially fitted lenses for low visual impaired students. The bank also donated Perkins Brailers for blind students which will help them towards producing Braille written exercises; talking dictionary and an office copier to UPK.

During the handover event, guests were also given a tour of the facilities for visually impaired students as well as shown how various equipment at the centre is used to assist them with their studies and daily lives.

Seeing is Believing is the Bank's global initiative to tackle avoidable blindness and visual impairment . It is a collaboration with International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and leading eye care organisations. It raises funds for investment in eye care projects that aim to have long-term impact in areas of high need. Standard Chartered has committed to raising USD 100mn by 2020 for the programme through fundraising and Bank investment.

In Brunei, Standard Chartered continues to demonstrate its commitment to the visually impaired community by working closely with the Special Education Unit, Eye Clinic and the Brunei Darussalam National Association of the Blind on various initiatives.

###

For further information please contact:

Marilyn Graeme
Head, Corporate Affairs, Brand & Marketing
Standard Chartered Bank
Tel: 673 236 6010
Fax: 673 224 4340
E-mail: graeme.marilyn-sylvia@sc.com

Farid Aliakbar
Brand & Marketing Officer
Standard Chartered Bank
Tel: 673 236 6095
Fax: 673 224 4340
E-mail: farid.aliakbar@sc.com

Note to Editors:

Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Standard Chartered is a leading international banking group. It has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets and earns around 90 per cent of its income and profits in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This geographic focus and commitment to developing deep relationships with clients and customers has driven the Bank's growth in recent years. Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

With 1,700 offices in 68 markets, the Group offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities to over 89,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. Standard Chartered's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

For further information please visit www.standardchartered.com. Follow Standard Chartered on www.facebook.com/standardchartered and on Twitter [@StanChart](https://twitter.com/StanChart).

Standard Chartered in Brunei Darussalam

Standard Chartered Bank Brunei, a member of the Standard Chartered Group was established in Brunei in April 1958. A leading international bank in Brunei, Standard Chartered leads the way through product innovation, consistent and strong growth performance and sustainability initiatives. It provides a comprehensive range of financial products and services including retail banking for individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, corporate and institutions through its network of 6 branches across Brunei.

Standard Chartered employs more than 300 employees in its Brunei operations.

For more information, please visit: www.sc.com/bn. Follow Standard Chartered Brunei at – www.facebook.com/StandardCharteredBN.