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“Living with HIV” Standard Chartered Bank sponsors Shanghai “Home of Care”

Standard Chartered Bank is delighted to announce that it is to enter into a three-year sponsorship agreement of RMB500,000 with Shanghai Municipal Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Shanghai CDC) in setting up the “Home of Care”. The sponsorship aims to set up a home for all the people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in Shanghai and to establish a good communication network for them.

Regular activities will be held in “Home of Care” under the supervision of professionals, enabling those HIV/AIDS positive patients to have their own place to listen, communicate and learn from each other. Meanwhile, the best VCT spot in Shanghai will be set up within the “Home of Care”, undertaking free enquiries and examination. A hotline will also be made available for public enquiries.

Katherine Tsang, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank China, said: “We are very glad that Standard Chartered Bank can contribute to the establishment of “Home of Care”. It’s everyone’s business to understand the issues and implications of HIV/AIDS, and we should care for the people infected or affected by the disease, while managing its impact. It is very meaningful to us from both the social responsibility and business perspectives.”

HIV/AIDS is a serious global issue, and it greatly impacts the business and all employees. As a company committed to social responsibility, Standard Chartered Bank joined the fight against this pandemic with the “Staying Alive” programme in Africa in 2000 and won the award by EU (the European Union) the same year. In 2003, Standard Chartered launched a global program called “Living with HIV” to inform and educate all the staff, customers and partners of the realities of HIV/AIDS – empowering them to protect themselves and encouraging them to support those infected or affected. “Living with HIV” won the Global Business Coalition for HIV/AIDS 2003 Award for Business Excellence in the Workplace.

“How to fight the spreading of HIV/AIDS is vital to all parties. We hope through our efforts and contribution, more individuals and corporates will gain the necessary experience and knowledge. Furthermore, by launching the program “Living with HIV”, we aim to minimise discrimination, raise awareness and inspire more volunteers and corporations to get involved in supporting, preventing and fighting against the disease that concerns us all.” Katherine Tsang added.

The Standard Chartered “Living with HIV” programme is leading the way by focusing on three key areas:

- Workplace
- Community
- Thought Leadership.

In the Workplace, Standard Chartered is working to implement the non-discrimination policy, and to ensure the continuation of education to staff and their family members through our HIV Ambassadors, Coaches and Champions. HIV E-learning course is available to all staff worldwide as well.

In the Community, the Bank continues to support local government and related community activities for our involvement, such as seminars and exhibitions. All

our resources and materials regarding HIV/AIDS and “Living with HIV” programme are freely available to our community, primarily through our website and other published materials.

On thought leadership, Standard Chartered aims to play a leading role in workplaces around the world, to shape global policy of fighting against AIDS, to encourage people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS by sharing materials and best practices, while generating new thinking and new approaches.

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