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## Standard Chartered Holds Discussion on HIV/AIDS Spreading Prevention in Kampung Apung Kapuk

The Indonesian young generation is threatened by the increased number of HIV/AIDS endemic. By March 2011, HIV/AIDS victims in Indonesia reached 24.282 people.

JAKARTA, **19 August 2011** – Standard Chartered Bank together with Nurani Dunia Foundation made another visit to Kampung Apung Kapuk (Kapuk foating village) in Cengkareng district, West Jakarta. This time, Standard Chartered held a discussion and counselling session regarding the HIV/AIDS spreading prevention to the community, in particular the young generation. As part of the Bank's sustainability programme in community development along with 'Living with HIV' campaign, Standard Chartered staffs together with around 150 teenagers in Kampung Apung Kapuk shared knowledge on HIV/AIDS.

The village was the target area of the Bank's community development programme initiated in 2007 and today's activity was focused on the sharing knowledge on the threat of HIV/AIDS as well as the preventive attempts in stopping the virus spreading. The discussion session was highlighted by an induction on HIV/AIDS that covered the spreading ways of HIV virus, recognizing the symptomps of people living with HIV/AIDS and most of all, the preventive attempts to be taken. Presented as the counselor was Suhendra from PKBI (Perhimpunan Keluarga Berencana Indonesia) and two people living with HIV/AIDS (ODHA/orang dengan HIV/AIDS) that gave their testimonials.

Tom Aaker, CEO Standard Chartered Bank stated, "The HIV/AIDS prevalent in Indonesia has continously increased every year. Not only in Indonesia, HIV/AIDS has become an endemic in Asia and Africa as the main markets for the Bank. Thus, Standard Chartered Bank globally has initiated a programme Living with HIV with its mission to embrace people living with HIV/AIDS as well as spread the knowledge on HIV/AIDS to prevent the virus from further spreading. We have run Living with HIV campaign internally, starting from our own employees to external environment by doing socialization to the community. In Kampung Apung Kapuk alone, apart from sustaining the community development that we have started back in 2007, this is the first time we hold a sharing knowledge session on HIV/AIDS, especially to teenagers who are susceptible with HIV/AIDS spreading."

Meanwhile, community leader of Kampung Apung Kapuk as well as Chief of RW 01 Djuhri expressed his gratitude, "On behalf of Kapuk community, we want to thank Standard Chartered Bank for its support to our village and the significant progresses we have made since 2007. And the HIV/AIDS discussion held today is extremely necessary for lots of teenagers here. Personally, I hope that our village can be free from HIV/ADS endemic."

DKI Jakarta is perceived as one of five provinces in Indonesia with the highest AIDS cases. The target of the virus spreading is mostly teenagers. Thus, it is critical to make extra efforts in increasing awareness on the disease and the impact that HIV/AIDS would cause. As for those who have been infected with HIV/AIDS, they would need support from their surroundings community to live their life normally. Therefore, all parties should put effort in diminishing the stigma and discrimination on HIV/AIDS victims. This has become the main goal of the Bank's Living with HIV programme campaign.

For the record, Standard Chartered Bank partnered with Nurani Dunia foundation conducted the sustainability programme for Kampung Kapuk for the first time in 2007. Various programmes have been conducted, from establishing access roads, clean water facility, public toilets, developing floating learning center to making catfish farms and processing waste into organic fertilizer as their source of income. This shows Standard Chartered Bank's commitment 'Here for good' with long term mission to positively contribute to the community where the Bank operates.

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