

press release

450 Standard Chartered employees conduct an Employee Volunteering Day in 9 cities across Pakistan

Standard Chartered Bank Pakistan conducted a Pan-Pakistan 'Employee Volunteering Day' whereby 450 employees in 9 cities volunteered in various philanthropic activities across the country.

These activities were conducted in major cities of Pakistan i.e. Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Faisalabad, Multan, Gujranwala and Quetta. Employees were involved in various volunteering activities like Beach Cleaning, Blood Collection, Painting the hospital and giving lectures at a school.

Volunteering activities were conducted with reputable NPOs like Edhi Foundation, Care Foundation and Layton Rehmatullah Benevolent Trust (LRBT), just to name a few.

As part of the Bank's sustainability agenda, the Bank encourages employees to help their local community, develop through contributing their knowledge, skills and talents. Each employee is entitled to three days paid leave a year to volunteer on projects aligned with the bank's community programmes.

Standard Chartered Bank is the only Bank in the country that provides Volunteering leave to its staff in order to help the community.

Commenting on this activity Mr. Aalishaan Zaidi, Head of Consumer Banking said, "Standard Chartered encourages employees to help their local communities develop, as part of the Bank's overall sustainability strategy and to help us showcase that we are Here for good. The Bank's employees have consistently demonstrated their commitment to supporting communities by volunteering their time. We are committed to make a difference in our communities both as a bank and as individuals."

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Notes to Editors:

Standard Chartered Pakistan

Standard Chartered is the largest and oldest international Bank in Pakistan with 162 branches in 41 cities. Standard Chartered's core businesses in Pakistan are in Consumer Banking and Wholesale Banking.

In 2006, the Bank successfully executed the then largest ever Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the history of Pakistan's banking industry with the acquisition of the Union Bank worth USD 487 million.

Standard Chartered Pakistan is the first international bank to get an Islamic Banking license and to open the first Islamic Banking branch in Pakistan. The Bank has been given credit ratings of AAA/ A1+, the highest long-term and short-term rating assigned by PACRA to any private sector commercial bank.

As part of the Bank's sustainability agenda, where we believe in giving back to the community we operate in, our efforts are also noticeable in the field of Education, Preventable Blindness (Seeing is Believing) and HiV Awareness among the youth.

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Standard Chartered PLC is a leading international bank, listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges. 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.

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