

press release

Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam Limited awarded its fifth successive Golden Dragon Award 2011

3 March 2012, Hanoi, Vietnam – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited was presented with the Golden Dragon Award 2011 in the "Most Favourite International Bank" category during the 11th Award Ceremony today. This annual award is held by the Vietnam Economic Times in collaboration with the Foreign Investment Agency and the Ministry of Planning and Investment to recognise and celebrate foreign-invested enterprises for their significant contributions in Vietnam. This is the 5th consecutive year that Standard Chartered Bank has received the prestigious Golden Dragon Award.

As one of the international banks with the longest history in Vietnam, Standard Chartered has been introducing banking expertise, products and services with world-class quality to the country. While raising the bar for the entire banking industry, Standard Chartered has helped to create a more robust banking sector to support economic growth. Standard Chartered Bank believes in building a sustainable business for the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity.

Mr. Louis Taylor, General Director of Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited said: "We are proud to be recognised as the "Most Favourite International Bank" in Vietnam in each of five consecutive years. This award has, again, proved our position in the minds and the hearts of our customers here in Vietnam. It is also a testament to our continuous effort in fulfilling our brand promise, to be "Here for Good". Our growing presence here has enabled us to be an effective partner in Vietnam's rapid progress towards sustainable growth. We will offer more and more innovative banking products and enhanced service quality to meet the expectations of our customers here in Vietnam."

The Bank's achievements have been recognised both globally and locally, having recently been awarded the Best Debt House by the Asset, the Financial Inclusion Award by the Financial Times and the Best Security Provider by the Global Investor Magazine. Standard Chartered is also the only major international bank whose credit ratings have been upgraded by all three rating agencies.

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Notes to Editors

Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited

In Vietnam, Standard Chartered's history can be traced back to 1904 when the Bank opened its first branch in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City).

Following the official approval from the State Bank of Vietnam, effective 1 August 2009, Standard Chartered commenced operations in its locally incorporated entity – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited. Local Incorporation was an important milestone in Standard Chartered's development in Vietnam.

Standard Chartered now has three branches and employs over 850 staff. The Bank provides a full of suite banking products and services for corporates, financial institutions, small and medium enterprises and individuals.

Standard Chartered brings its international expertise and experience in other growing markets to Vietnam, where it actively contributes to the development of the banking and finance sector in the country. The Bank also plays an active role in the Vietnamese community and has demonstrated this through many social and charitable activities.

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Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

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