

press release

Standard Chartered provides more support to people in Vietnam

13 November 2013, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam today announced the launch of its biggest social project of the year to respond to the 10th anniversary of the Bank's global community investment initiative "Seeing is Believing" (SiB) to tackle preventable blindness.

The project, consists of a series of activities serving people with visual impairment in Ho Chi Minh City and Ben Tre province, is carried out in partnership with Standard Chartered Korea, Vision Care Service and HCMC Eye Hospital.

The first activity is the Free Eye Camp held in HCMC Eye hospital in collaboration with the hospital and Vision Care Service. A crew of several doctors, nurses and one optician from Korea will conduct free eye examination for about 300 people and cataract surgeries for another 100 from 11 to 15 November. The crew will be supported by volunteers from Vision Care Service, Standard Chartered Korea and Standard Chartered Vietnam.

The second activity is community investment programs in Mo Cay Nam district, Ben Tre province where 100 volunteers from the Bank and Korean universities will participate in constructing 20 houses, expect to finish on 16 November. The houses will be handed over to the war widows, the elderly, disabled veterans, people with disabilities and the needy people who are living in poor housing.

Also in Ben Tre, the Bank will provide water storage tanks to families who have visually impaired members, cooperate with the Ho Chi Minh City Blind Union to deliver walking canes to the visually impaired adults, provide milk to blind children, and give bicycles and backpacks to students.

Mr. Nirukt Sapru, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos said: *"I'm overwhelmed by the effort that our colleagues and partners are doing to support people in Vietnam. We are doing our best to help fight avoidable blindness and provide a brighter future for the local people. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Korean colleagues, Vision Care Service and the Ho Chi Minh City Eye Hospital for their wonderful contribution and support to various activities in Vietnam. As stated through our brand promise - "Here for good", we are committed to creating a positive impact on the communities in which we live and work."*

Richard Hill, President and CEO of Standard Chartered Korea Financial Group and Standard Chartered Bank Korea said: *"It's our great pleasure to act together with Standard Chartered Vietnam and other partners to improve the lives of thousands of people in Vietnam. Korea's rapid development has allowed it*

to progress from a donation-receiving country to a donation-giving country. In this spirit, Standard Chartered Korea is extremely pleased to be able to support SiB programme in Vietnam, a country that share many cultural similarities with Korea and where ties with Korea continue to grow and strengthen. Last year, we successfully raised up to one million dollar for the next phase of the SiB program in Vietnam (2013 -2016). And we are inspired to further our support to the community in the coming time.”

In Vietnam, the Bank has been actively working with partners to promote and support sight-restoration and eye-care programs. Since 2004, SiB have helped to bring back light and prevented blindness for nearly 40,000 people, provided eye care services to more than 900,000 people, give nearly 14,500 glasses to the short-sighted and trained millions of people about primary eye care.

Specific outputs from activities carried out by the Bank this time include:

- 400 patients have their eyes examined or operated
- 20 families have better houses
- 130 households furnished with drinking water storage tanks
- 1,000 walking canes distributed to the blind
- 100 poor students have bicycles
- More than 350 students receive new backpacks.

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