

press release

Standard Chartered Bank joins Smartlink Network

14 February 2011, Hanoi, Vietnam – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited announces it is the first international bank to join the Smartlink network. This move will offer Standard Chartered Bank customers access to over 5,000 ATMs nationwide, and will also strengthen the collaboration between Smartlink's member banks.

Standard Chartered Bank cardholders will be able to perform all basic transactions including cash withdrawal, balance enquiry and PIN change (*) at any ATM within the Smartlink network, all of which carry the Smartlink logo. In addition, with this connectivity, Standard Chartered Bank cardholders can save time using Smartlink's bill payment service, as they can carry out payment such as mobile phone subscription, e-flight tickets, utilities bill, etc. at Standard Chartered Bank's ATMs.

Already in 2011, Standard Chartered Bank is offering more benefits to customers: extended working hours on weekdays and weekends, and now this alliance with the Smartlink network. Currently, Smartlink's system has over 5,000 ATMs and more than 20,000 points of sale nationwide.

Mr. Louis Taylor, General Director of Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited said: "We are proud to be the first international bank to join the Smartlink card alliance network. This marks a significant milestone for Standard Chartered Bank in our expansion and development path in Vietnam. Standard Chartered Bank commits to deliver more benefits and greater convenience to meet the growing demands of banking customers in Vietnam. In doing so, we will fulfill our brand promise, to be Here for good."

Ms. Nguyen Tu Anh, CEO of Smartlink said "The collaboration between Smartlink and Standard Chartered Bank shows our commitment to diversifying services to meet customers' financial needs. I am confident that the participation of a global bank likes Standard Chartered in our Smartlink network is another example of our technical system and human resource quality that we are building to meet with international standards"

(*): applied at some banks

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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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