

press release

Standard Chartered joins hands with HAWEE to support women entrepreneurs

Hanoi, 03 October 2016 - Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) and Ho Chi Minh City Association for Women Executives & Entrepreneurs (HAWEE) have entered a one-year partnership agreement in a joint effort to support women entrepreneurs and women-led businesses. Under the agreement, Standard Chartered will provide HAWEE members exclusive access to the Bank's Corporate Banking Package for Women Entrepreneurs, which goes with special features and benefits.

"At Standard Chartered, we are committed to empowering women by providing them the right support they need for their development." said Nirukt Sapru, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank Vietnam, "We are pleased to offer a banking package dedicated to women entrepreneurs, built on our strengths of a leading global bank and our best international practices, to help them develop their business as well as living their life to the fullest."

"There is little question that balancing work, family and personal needs is a challenge for most women, especially those who run a business. It's obvious that they deserve to be supported to keep up and further their contributions to the economy and society" said Pham Thi My Le, Vice President of HAWEE, "The partnership with Standard Chartered Bank marks a milestone in our mission to support women entrepreneurs to play a significant role in the economy while staying balanced between work and life."

HAWEE corporate members can obtain Standard Chartered's fast track term loans at preferential interest rates, which are fixed at 6.5-8% in the first 1-5 years of the loan term. The loan tenor can reach up to 25 years and loan application turnaround time is only within 5 days since the submission of sufficient documents.

Additionally, clients can conduct free local interbank transfer for payments worth less than VND500 million in the first six months of their account opening, and have their digital banking service fee waived. They are also entitled to receiving complimentary trainings for accounting staff on finance and accounting related affairs, quarterly updates on forex market and Priority status for senior executives.

Especially, clients can leverage Standard Chartered's flagship banking solutions and its extensive international network to facilitate their business overseas. The Bank's Straight2Bank platform, which is linked seamlessly across 27 markets, allows clients to perform cross-border banking transactions with ease and convenience. At the same time, as one of the largest trade finance banks in the world, Standard Chartered can provide its clients the best financing solutions to their domestic or overseas operations.

As for HAWEE individual members, they will have their loan interest rates reduced by 1% compared to normal rates and their Standard Chartered credit card annual fee waived in 2016. Especially, those owning a Standard Chartered Priority WorldMiles Credit Card will enjoy total travel care worth up to USD1 million along with emergency evacuation services as well as unlimited complimentary access to over 800 airport lounges worldwide.

Standard Chartered is a leading international bank in Vietnam, which has been recognised as "Best Foreign Bank in Vietnam" for three consecutive years. The Bank currently has more than 850 employees and three branches in Vietnam.

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On August 1, 2009, we commenced operations in our locally incorporated entity – Standard Chartered Bank (Vietnam) Limited, an important milestone of Standard Chartered's development in Vietnam. The bank currently has more than 850 employees and three branches (two in Hanoi and one in HCMC). The Head Office is based in Hanoi.

We bring our international expertise and experience in Asia, Africa and the Middle East to Vietnam, building a broad business that helps to develop the Vietnamese financial service sector as well as helping clients to develop their businesses. Standard Chartered has acted as the sole Sovereign Credit Ratings Advisor to the Vietnamese Government since March 2012.

The Bank provides a full suite of banking products and services for corporates, financial institutions as well as small and medium enterprises and individuals. We also play an active role in building the communities through many programs that promote social and economic development focusing on health, youth and financial education.

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