

press release

STANDARD CHARTERED SCOOPS EUROMONEY'S BEST BANK IN ASIA

9 July 2010, Tokyo – Euromoney has awarded Standard Chartered the prestigious 'Best Regional Bank (Asia)' in the Awards for Excellence 2010. The award reflects Standard Chartered's position as an Asian banking powerhouse with deep heritage, sound financial profile as well as established franchise in the region.

Standard Chartered is run as one bank across geographies and businesses. We are seeing strong engines of growth in both Wholesale Banking and Consumer Banking, and will continue to invest in both businesses to underpin momentum.

Euromoney Awards for Excellence are regarded as the industry standard for banking excellence. The winners were recognised for leadership, innovation and momentum in the markets in which they excel.

Patrick Gillot, Japan CEO, said: "We are very honoured to be awarded with Euromoney's Best Bank in Asia, when we are celebrating our 130th anniversary in Japan this year. This award surely helps us communicate our presence in our region to our customers even further." on winning the Best Bank award for Asia.

Jaspal Bindra, Group Executive Director and CEO Asia, Standard Chartered, added: "We are delighted to be named Euromoney's Best Bank in Asia. Standard Chartered has a clear and consistent strategy – focused on Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. This strategy has enabled us to emerge strongly from the crisis and deliver consistent performance. We have been conducting banking business in Asia for more than 150 years, and we are well positioned for growth given our presence and expertise in this region."

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Note to Editors:

Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

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

With 1700 offices in 70 markets, Standard Chartered offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities for its 75,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. The Bank's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

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