

press release

Standard Chartered Bank Announces the Launch of Bank Agency Business with FPG Co., Ltd.

Agency Service commenced on 6th September 2010, at all FPG Branches/Sales Office

21 October 2010, Tokyo - Standard Chartered Bank is pleased to announce that on 6th September, 2010, Financial Products Group (FPG) Co., Ltd. has launched its intermediate bank agency business for customers to open bank accounts with our Priority Banking service at Marunouchi branch in Japan, under a tie-up agreement with us.

Yasunori Hirano, Head of Consumer Banking Japan, says: "Since the launch of Priority Banking Service in 2006, we have introduced innovative products and services such as foreign-currency deposits with free FX fees*(2006), ZAR deposit (2006), domestic investment trust funds with a 1.0% flat fee** (2007), and UAE Dirham deposit (2008). It is truly our pleasure that we can reach out to more customers through this new business partner, FPG, with our quality services. Going forward, we will continue working to extend our Priority Banking Service."

*Including currency handling fee (approx.JPY0.04 for 1 US Dollar).

**In case of application over JPY10 million (excluding fees/charges).

1. Purpose of Business Partnership

Leveraging the framework of Bank Agency Service, in accordance with Japan's Banking Law, we have concluded this business partnership with FPG Co., Ltd. to gain synergy effects aiming to further expand our customer base.

FPG Co., Ltd. is a company aiming to provide "One-Stop Financial Services" mainly through its Tax Lease Arrangement business. FPG was listed on JASDAQ in September 2010.

Taking this opportunity, Standard Chartered Bank, along with FPG Co., Ltd., will continue enhancing customer access and services by sharing banking agency business know-how and improving this to a greater level of sophistication.

2. Overview of Business Partnership

(1) Name of Agency: FPG Co., Ltd.

*Principal Bank: Standard Chartered Bank/Agent: FPG Co., Ltd.

(2) Office Locations/Addresses

Tokyo Head Office	7F Yusen Bldg., 2-3-2 Marunouchi Chiyodaku, Tokyo
Osaka Branch	12F Yodoyabashi Centre Bldg., 3-4-10 Koraibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture
Nagoya Branch	2F Nagoya Intercity, 1-11-11, Nishiki, Naka-ku, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture
Fukuoka Sales Office	8F Acros Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture

(3) Main Services

Sales representatives of FPG Co., Ltd. will provide intermediary services for account opening at Standard Chartered Bank.

(4) Commencing Date: Monday, 6th September, 2010

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