

press release

Supporting Communities in response to the Covid-19 Spread

Tokyo, 12 May 2020 – Standard Chartered Bank Tokyo Branch has provided JPY10 million of funding for immediate relief from the impact of Covid -19 to two organizations in Japan. One is The Nippon Foundation for urgent support of its Covid-19 project and Ashinaga for its emergency fund to help orphaned students who suffer from the impact of Covid-19.

The Nippon Foundation's project is to develop facilities utilizing its own spaces such as Museum of Maritime Science, the Nippon Foundation Para Arena in Tokyo and more for medical/health care workers to take care of Covid-19 patients and families. Ashinaga has started the program of emergency relief fund to support orphaned students' families who have lost income due to the Covid-19 spread.

Standard Chartered PLC "the Group" has announced on 1 April, 2020 to launch US\$50 million global fund ("Covid-19 Global Charitable Fund") providing assistance to those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Group will provide in two phases - both short-term relief, and longer-term assistance for communities across its 59 markets. As of 23 April, as a first phase, the Group has pledged US\$5 million of funding each to the Red Cross for urgent medical support and to UNICEF for the immediate educational support for vulnerable children across 12 markets in Africa and South Asia. Furthermore, the Group has pledged US\$15 million of funding to the Group's four regions (ASEAN and South Asia, Africa and Middle East, Europe and Americas, and Greater China and North Asia) to disburse to local NGO partners. For a second phase, the Group will support economic recovery and protect livelihoods including providing funding to protect employment and educational opportunities, aiding long-term recovery of communities impacted by Covid-19.

Yasunori Takeuchi, Chief Executive Officer in Japan, said:

"Our brand promise "Here for good" represents our contribution to the development of local communities with the long-term perspective. We are facing unprecedented times globally due to the Covid-19 pandemic and I am proud that we support local communities as a part of our global assistance activities. We will continue to contribute to our communities for early containment of Covid-19 spread and economic recovery."

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