

press release

Standard Chartered's Volunteer Activity in Ishinomaki city for Reconstruction Relief of East Japan Disaster

Tokyo, 2nd November 2011 – Standard Chartered Bank organized the volunteer activity in Ishinomaki city in Miyagi prefecture on two occasions, from 22nd to 24th September and 7th to 9th October. 20 staffs from the Japan branch including the management participated to each tour, 40 staffs in total.

In partnership with an international NGO ‘Habitat for Humanity*’, the groups worked mainly in Sakana machi in Ishinomaki city, one of the worst hit areas by the disaster. The activities included removal of wreckage and mud and cleaning, as well as polishing and disinfection of walls and ceiling in a factory of a seafood processing company which product line was demolished by the tsunami.

Standard Chartered Bank sent relief money donated from associate of the Group as well as our customers to the affected areas through Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross as assistance for recovery and restoration from damages caused by the Great Eastern Japan Disaster. Our brand promise “Here for good” represents our contribution to development of local communities with the long term perspective. In addition to the donation, we will be committed to recovery and reconstruction relief activities in the Tohoku region through voluntary activities in the affected areas and others in a medium and long term.

Standard Chartered Bank wishes that all the people in the affected areas to reclaim peace in their daily lives soon and committed to sustainable support in the region.



Scene from the 1st volunteer activity



Scene from the 2nd volunteer activity

*Habitat for Humanity is a self-support NGO who build communities through house construction. Their relationship with the Bank began with Pakistan flood relief last year and we will cooperate in addressing challenges encountered through reconstruction activities of this Great East Japan Disaster, such as housing issues for the victims and rebuilding local infrastructures. Habitat for Humanity Website: <http://www.habitatjp.org/contents/aboutus/index.html>

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