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Standard Chartered Bank wins at The Asset Triple A Country Awards 2021

Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) Philippines won Best Bond Adviser (Global) at The Asset Triple A Country Awards 2021. This recognition affirms the bank's leading role in providing strategic and robust advisory services to both government and corporates on debt raising and financing structures. The Asset also announced the Best Deal Awards including issuances led by SCB - Best Sustainability Bond, Best Sovereign Bond, Best Corporate Bond, Best Retail Bond and Best Syndicated loan.

SCB led the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation 17.87 billion pesos ASEAN sustainability bond which won Best Sustainability Bond. The bank acted as sole lead arranger and bookrunner in the first ASEAN sustainability bond issuance out of the Philippines in 2021 and the only peso-denominated sustainability bond printed in 2021.

The Best Sovereign Bond award is for the Republic of the Philippines (ROP) €2.1 billion triple tranche senior notes where SCB acted as bookrunner and lead manager. This is the largest euro bond transaction of the RoP and the country's longest ever euro tenor.

Best Corporate Bond is for Petron Corporation US\$550 million senior perpetual capital securities where the bank acted as lead arranger and bookrunner. This transaction marked the first perpetual capital securities issuance out of the Philippines in 2021 and received strong investor demand.

The award for Best Retail Bond is for UnionBank of the Philippines 9 billion pesos dual-tranche fixed rate bond where SCB acted as bookrunner and lead arranger. This transaction is considered a pioneer in the Philippine capital markets being part of a proof of concept to tokenize bond using a blockchain platform.

The award for Best Syndicated Loan is for SM Prime Holdings US\$500 million syndicated term loan where SCB was mandated as lead arranger and bookrunner. The transaction represented the largest syndication ever by SM Prime Holdings and received a very enthusiastic response from the market.

The Bank's strong and highly awarded capital markets franchise both in the domestic and international markets has enabled the bank to become the partner of choice for issuers in the country, including the RoP. As it celebrates its 150th anniversary in the Philippines, SCB closes 2021 strong as the top bookrunner for G3 bonds for Philippine issuers in the league table published by Bloomberg.

The Asset Triple A Country Awards represent the industry's most prestigious awards for banking, finance, treasury, and the capital markets. SCB PH Head of Financial Markets Marvin Antonio said, "We are honoured to receive these awards from The Asset as it demonstrates our strong commitment to meet the evolving needs and deliver the best outcomes for our clients. Amidst another challenging year, we thank our clients for their trust and confidence and our teams for their dedication and support."

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