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The Belt and Road Relay is the first ever global running event along the Belt and Road corridors to highlight Standard Chartered Bank's footprint along the new Silk Road.

### **Standard Chartered Bank's first ever global Belt and Road Relay passes through Manila**

Standard Chartered Bank's first ever global Belt and Road Relay which runs across forty-four markets within a 90-day period reached Manila last Sunday, March 3. It kicked off in Hong Kong on February 17 in conjunction with the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and will end in China in May. Standard Chartered Bank Philippine employees, including members of its country management team, joined the eight staff athletes selected from the bank's diverse footprint in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe and the Americas in a 10-kilometre run in Nuvali, Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The Philippines is the 10th market in the B&R relay.

Standard Chartered Bank Philippines Chief Executive Officer Lynette V. Ortiz said, “Standard Chartered Philippines is proud to be part of this historic relay to show our unique position to be the One Bank for the Belt and Road initiative. Our footprint covers two-thirds of Belt and Road markets, and our history and deep local knowledge put us in a unique position to help our partners, clients, and communities to make the most of the opportunities and partnerships presented.”

Belt and Road Initiative is a development strategy adopted by the Chinese government involving infrastructure projects and investments in countries in Europe, Asia and Africa to enhance global connectivity. It covers more than 60 countries to address infrastructure gap and accelerate economic growth.

The Belt and Road initiative is core to Standard Chartered. In 2017, the Bank committed additional financing for Belt and Road projects of at least USD 20 billion by 2020, and was involved in more than 50 Belt and Road deals worth more than USD 10billion across a range of products and services.

To follow the progress of the Standard Chartered Belt & Road Relay, or for more information on the Belt and Road initiative, please visit [www.sc.com/beltandroadrelay](http://www.sc.com/beltandroadrelay).

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