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Standard Chartered Supports World Environment Day

The Bank's 100 staff volunteers plant 100 Albizia trees and 5000 Mangrove in Jakarta province

Jakarta, 1 June 2010 – In celebration of the coming World Environment Day on 5 June 2010, Standard Chartered Indonesia organised a series of initiatives and events starting on 27 May with 5,000 Mangrove planting in Semak Daun Island of Kepulauan Seribu municipality, and on 31 May planting 100 Albizia trees or Trembesi as locally known, along Jakarta's West Flood Canal, involving 100 Standard Chartered staff volunteers to raise awareness of climate change and to encourage positive action to tackle its impacts. In addition to tree planting activities, Standard Chartered also organises daily video screening on climate change and other internal activities for staff such as photo competition on the environment preservation.

Tom Aaker, CEO Standard Chartered Indonesia says: "Combating the impacts of climate change requires a concerted effort between businesses, companies and individuals. World Environment Day is a great opportunity to illustrate our commitment to positive action. I'm proud to see the enthusiasm of our employees to do their part on this day."

Last year, Standard Chartered Indonesia launched GoGreen tree planting initiative in line with the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry's 'one-man-one-tree' programme. The GoGreen initiative involved Standard Chartered Bank's customers and staff to redeem their credit card reward-points for planting a tree at Mount Rinjani area in Lombok island. The Bank is also committed to plant a tree on behalf of customers who agree to migrate their conventional-paper-based monthly credit card statement into an e-statement.

As a major bank operating in more than 70 countries, Standard Chartered most significant impact on the environment is through the businesses it finances. Standard Chartered requires its customers to meet standards that are considerate of society and the environment. In 2009, the bank increased its investment in renewable energy and low carbon technologies as part of its Clinton Global Initiative commitment. Although its direct impact on the environment is minimal, Standard Chartered is continually increasing the efficiency of its buildings to decrease its energy and water usage and production of waste. In 2008 the Bank sponsored Heart of Borneo project in restoring the peat land forests in Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia. Recently Standard Chartered launched a Green your Flight pilot project in China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, UK and the USA.

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With 1,700 offices in 70 markets, Standard Chartered offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities for its 75,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. The Bank's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

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