

Corporate Social Responsibility

Our Corporate Social Responsibility programme focuses on helping children and young adults realise their full potential.

In Singapore, we continue to actively support our partner charity, the Singapore Children's Society ("SCS"). Apart from our donation of S\$2.5 million over five years, many of our employees also volunteered their time and skills to help the children and young adults in various activities. The young adults put their learning into practice on 6 December 2007 when 28 of them from SCS played entrepreneurs by selling their handicrafts at an OCBC Christmas Bazaar. These young adults managed all aspects of their respective stalls, from fixing the selling prices, to collecting money and issuing receipts.

We also continue to contribute to the NTUC Childcare Bright Horizons Trust Fund to help raise the literacy level of children from less privileged backgrounds. Apart from our donation of S\$450,000 over three years, we made an

additional contribution of S\$250,000 in 2007, bringing our total commitment to S\$700,000.

We offer a total of four types of bond-free scholarships, helping young adults from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and China, the four core markets of OCBC Bank, pursue higher education in Singapore. Another two types of scholarships are offered to help outstanding young adults in Malaysia pursue their studies locally.

In China, we committed to donate RMB 1.5 million (S\$300,000) over six years to the Soong Ching Ling Foundation. The funds, disbursed through the Soong Ching Ling Scholarship ("SCLS") under the SCLS-OCBC Fund, will help about 200 outstanding children from less privileged backgrounds across China pursue their studies.



Our support to the Singapore Children's Society extends beyond monetary donations. Staff volunteers are also involved in various activities with the children, including activities imparting character-building and life learning skills.