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OCBC BANK THANKS CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF OVER \$860,000 TO THE SINGAPORE RED CROSS

5,097 Donations Were Collected Via Its Banking Channels and Network

Singapore, 24 January 2005 – OCBC Bank announces today that it will cease to collect donations, via its banking channels and network, to the Singapore Red Cross on 24 January 2005, in response to the Singapore Red Cross' announcement that it will stop fund-raising for the tsunami victims on the same date. The Bank also wishes to thank its customers for their generous donations of over S\$860,000 to the Singapore Red Cross, made via its Credit Card Call Centre, Quick Cheque Deposit boxes, ATMs, internet and phone banking services.

The Bank's banking channels and network, which was opened on 28 December 2004 to make it more convenient for customers to donate, registered a total of 5,097 donations to-date.



Besides making personal donations and other contributions, staff from OCBC Bank also volunteered their services to bring relief to the victims and their families. On 14 January 2005, over 50 staff helped the Singapore Red Cross exceed its target of assembling 50,000 food packets for families in crisis-hit areas (pictured above).

At the Group level, OCBC Bank has also donated about S\$487,000 to various organizations that are involved in providing relief work. In Singapore, the Bank and its subsidiary Great Eastern Holdings collectively donated S\$250,000 to the Singapore Red Cross Society. In Malaysia, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad and Great Eastern also collectively donated about S\$87,000 (RM200,000) to The STAR Earthquake/ Tsunami Relief Fund. In Indonesia, PT OCBC Bank contributed S\$150,000 towards relief work.

About OCBC Bank

OCBC Bank is Singapore's longest established local bank. It has assets of S\$119 billion and a network of 112 branches and representative offices in 14 countries and territories including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Australia, UK and USA. OCBC Bank offers a range of specialist financial services including consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking, global treasury, asset management and stockbroking services to meet the needs of its customers across communities. Its subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in both Singapore and Malaysia in terms of assets and market share.

In 2004, OCBC Bank was named Lafferty Group's Retail Bank of the Year in Asia-Pacific and South East Asia and Global Finance magazine's Best Bank in Singapore. Additional information may be found at www.ocbc.com.

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