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Standard Chartered 2018 Banknotes Series will be issued into circulation in phases starting tomorrow

Lion Rock as backdrop in tribute to "Hong Kong Spirit"

11 December 2018, Hong Kong – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("Standard Chartered Hong Kong")'s 2018 Hong Kong Banknote Series will be issued in phases starting tomorrow (12 December 2018). Members of the public can get the new HK\$1,000 banknotes from Standard Chartered Hong Kong's branches and designated ATMs.

The first-to-launch HK\$1000 banknote highlights Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre with the signature Central skyline as its key visual. The symbols of technology and the stock market show the wit and dynamics of the financial industry in Hong Kong. With wit and wisdom, Hong Kong people can create new opportunities for the future.

The front panel of the banknotes features the Standard Chartered Bank Building and the Forum in Central. They symbolise our commitment to the city, having worked side by side with Hong Kong for nearly 160 years.

Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, said, "The design of Standard Chartered's 2018 Hong Kong Banknotes Series pays tribute to the 'Hong Kong Spirit'. Each banknote reflects a unique attribute of Hong Kong. When the five banknotes are put together, their backgrounds even form a silhouette of the Lion Rock, which is considered the pride of Hong Kong and a symbol of the "Hong Kong Spirit". As the oldest note-issuing bank in Hong Kong, Standard Chartered is very honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to this city's development and create this new series of banknotes which is like the name card for all Hong Kong people. We are committed to serving Hong Kong with our brand promise 'Here for good'."

Apart from the HK\$1,000 banknotes, the HK\$500 notes will be in circulation from 23 January 2019. The remaining three denominations of HK\$100, HK\$50 and HK\$20 will

enter circulation between mid-2019 and early 2020. Together with the 2018 Series, all other banknotes currently in circulation will continue to be legal tender.

The history of Standard Chartered in Hong Kong dates to 1859. In 1862, it started issuing Hong Kong banknotes and is the oldest note-issuing bank in Hong Kong. Further to 2009's Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Commemorative Charity Banknote, the 2018 Hong Kong Banknotes Series is the Bank's 10th banknote series.

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Image 1: The first-to-launch \$1000 banknote highlights Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre with the signature Central skyline as its key visual.



Image 2: When the five banknotes are put together, their backgrounds form a silhouette of the Lion Rock, which is considered the pride of Hong Kong and a symbol of the “Hong Kong Spirit”.

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Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

The history of Standard Chartered in Hong Kong dates to 1859. It is currently one of the Hong Kong SAR’s three note-issuing banks. Standard Chartered incorporated its Hong Kong business on 1 July 2004, and now operates as a licensed bank in Hong Kong under the name of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC.

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