

## OCBC SHARES ECONOMIC UPDATES WITH TOP TREASURY CUSTOMERS AT ENCHANTING BORNEO ISLAND

Kuala Lumpur, 2 July 2013 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad recently shared economic and business updates with its top Treasury customers on the backdrop of the idyllic island setting of a luxury resort in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

The OCBC Economic & Business Forum was held at the exclusive Gaya Island Resort and saw activities that ranged from serious talks on the economy to cultural & nature-based activities. These were coupled with first-hand learning of the art of tribal games and a delightful nature walk at the hillside of the ancient rainforest.

Beckoned by the silver sands of the world-famous island, fringed by emerald waters, the top-tier Treasury customers were invited to live it up at the private village of the luxurious pavilions that offered endless recreational pursuits. These ranged from holistic rejuvenation and sumptuous dinners to fascinating eco discovery on land and at sea.

According to OCBC Bank's Head of Global Treasury Mr Ng Seow Pang the Forum was aimed at providing a platform for customers and staff to exchange views, network and tap the top brains of leading practitioners in the field.



Customers and staff of OCBC Bank getting ready for a beautiful evening sunset at Gaya Island.

“OCBC Bank is pleased to have created this platform for our clients to sit back and unwind for a vacation of sorts whilst absorbing useful banking and economic information on the side,” he said.

OCBC's economist and Head of Treasury Research, Ms Selena Ling, was also present to provide the audience with an update on the economy.

“I am pleased to say the sessions proved to be both fruitful and productive as customers engaged in active Q&A sessions,” Mr Ng added.

Also present at the event was OCBC Bank's Director & CEO Mr Jeffrey Chew.

Besides benefiting from an enriching forum, customers were treated to an array of free and easy activities such as spa treatments, a visit to Borneo Craftworks, snorkelling or simply a walk along the beach.

A customer of the Bank, Mr Winson Chong of Kwantas Corporation Bhd, said: “It was a marvellous business forum. We had a great time in the company of the OCBC team.”

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OCBC Bank and its subsidiaries offer a broad array of specialist financial and wealth management services, ranging from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to treasury, insurance, asset management and stockbroking services.

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