

## OCBC AL-AMIN MAKES SECOND RM30,000 CONTRIBUTION WITHIN A WEEK – TO SANDAKAN COMMUNITY

Sandakan, 19 January 2016 – A week after making a RM30,000 contribution to charities in Sibu, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) has made a second such contribution, this time through three Sandakan-based organisations.

The donations of RM10,000 each were made in conjunction with the official opening of its first branch in Sabah to Rotary Club of Sandakan, Monfort Youth Training Centre and The Chinese Chamber of Commerce Sandakan. The funds will be used particularly for work among children, which is OCBC's primary area of CSR focus.

Handing over the mock cheques at the official opening ceremony of the OCBC Al-Amin Sandakan branch, OCBC Al-Amin Chief Executive Officer Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik said, as in Sibu, the Bank was looking to engage with the communities in which it operates by looking beyond only



Mr Ong Eng Bin, CEO of OCBC Bank (third from left) and Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz, CEO of OCBC Al-Amin (fourth from left) officially declaring the OCBC Al-Amin Sandakan branch open, flanked by staff of OCBC Bank and OCBC Al-Amin.

providing superior banking products and services but also by meeting their social needs.

"Community engagement is important to us and we see these contributions as moving us a step closer to reaching out to the local community here. We hope these contributions will go some way toward making Sandakan a better place than it already is," he said.

Present at the official opening event to receive the contributions were representatives of the charity organisations. On hand also were Mr Ong Eng Bin, Chief Executive Officer of OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad and Ms Vivien Lu Wei Gian, Acting Senior Manager of the OCBC Al-Amin Sandakan Branch.

The Sandakan branch, covering 4,400 square feet, is located at Lot 1, Blok 16, Bandar Indah, Batu 4, Jalan Utara, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah and offers a comprehensive range of OCBC Al-Amin's Islamic banking products and services for individuals, SMEs and corporates. The services as feature 24-hour ATMs and Cash/Cheque Deposit Machines.



Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz, CEO of OCBC Al-Amin (far right) and Mr Ong Eng Bin, CEO of OCBC Bank (far left) handing over the mock cheques to representatives from Rotary Club of Sandakan, Monfort Youth Training Centre and The Chinese Chamber of Commerce Sandakan.

OCBC AI-Amin has progressively built a stable of 49 products involving 15 key principles of Shariah compliance, ranging from simple deposit and financing offerings to investment banking solutions.

Shortly before Sandakan, the Bank had opened a branch in Sibu, Sarawak. With these, OCBC now has five branches in East Malaysia, including the three OCBC Bank conventional banking branches in Kuching, Miri and Kota Kinabalu. Overall, OCBC has 45 branches – 13 Islamic and 32 conventional.

From now until 29 February 2016 the Bank will offer special promotions for those opening accounts at the Sandakan branch including preferential Fixed Deposit-i rates above the regular board rates.

The branch opens daily from 9.30am to 4.00pm, Monday through Friday.

## About OCBC Bank

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

OCBC Bank's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has over 630 branches and representative offices in 18 countries and regions. These include the more than 330 branches and offices in Indonesia under subsidiary Bank OCBC NISP, and more than 90 branches and offices in Hong Kong, China and Macau under OCBC Wing Hang.

OCBC Bank's private banking services are provided by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which has received increasing industry recognition as Asia's Global Private Bank, and was voted "Outstanding Private Bank in Southeast Asia in 2014" by Private Banker International.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the oldest and most established life insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia. OCBC Bank offers Islamic banking products and services in Malaysia through its wholly-owned subsidiary, OCBC AI-Amin Bank Berhad.

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