

OCBC BANK STAFF PLEDGE RM180,000 FOR CHILDREN IN ASIA AND AFRICA

Kuala Lumpur, 2 May 2017 – A total of 195 children from Asia and Africa will benefit from over RM180,000 recently pledged by OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank) staff under a collaborative effort with international humanitarian organisation World Vision Malaysia.

Led by Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ong Eng Bin, the effort saw OCBC Bank staff drawing from their own pockets to ensure the necessary support reaches children in need in rural and developing communities in the two continents.



(L-R) OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ong Eng Bin and World Vision Malaysia CEO Dato' Ir. K J Abraham holding up an icon to signify the commitment by OCBC Bank staff to support needy children in Asia and Africa

“I am not surprised by the overwhelming response from our staff to this effort, which is part of our #OCBCCares CSR initiative. They have always been a group that looks out for others and through this programme we will be reaching out to those in need in places that are often neglected.

“World Vision’s *Child Sponsorship Programme* is a highly effective programme, which is why we decided to pool our resources to support it. And we did not wish to simply offer money; this programme also allows us all to journey with each child through the updates we will receive about them,” he said.

In its quest to aid children in need, OCBC Bank has also rolled out a credit/debit card CSR initiative in partnership with World Vision Malaysia.

World Vision Malaysia CEO Dato’ Ir. K J Abraham said the organisation was grateful for the partnership with OCBC Bank and thanked the many OCBC staff members who signed up to sponsor a child.

“This initiative was spearheaded by Mr Ong himself, who has himself been a child sponsor for six years. Through Child Sponsorship, communities enjoy improved access to clean water, education, nutrition, healthcare and economic development. Every child sponsor thus plays an important role in improving not just the child’s life, but the entire community in which the child lives.

“OCBC has been extremely supportive of our other initiatives, having contributed to the ‘Love Conquers All’ Charity Dinner in May as well. It is because of partnerships such as these that we are able to continue serving the poor and vulnerable,” he added.

Members of the public can sponsor children in various parts of the world for as little as RM65 a month. Registration can be done online at worldvision.com.my.

Last year, OCBC Bank was a recipient of the Aon Best Employers Award for Malaysia, a recognition bestowed by global consultancy Aon Hewitt.

According to Mr Ong community involvement is a key component to building a team that is highly engaged, The Bank’s other CSR activities include public scholarships, cycling efforts for healthy living, and branch- and division-led programmes.

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