

OCBC CUSTOMERS NOW ABLE TO OBTAIN ISLAMIC PERSONAL FINANCING WITHIN A DAY

Next Day Cash allows customers quicker access to cash of up to RM100,000

Kuala Lumpur, 14 May 2008 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad today introduced *Next Day Cash*, a Shariah-compliant personal financing product that allows customers to obtain their cash within a day of applying when their application is approved.

The first-of-its-kind product is part of the Bank's move to align its offerings closer to customers' stated preferences.

Speaking at a news conference today, OCBC Bank's Deputy CEO, Mr Jeffrey Chew, said *Next Day Cash* is a quicker and simpler alternative to other personal credit options.

"Our research tells us that when people apply for personal financing, time is of the essence – every day tends to count. Typically, these people might already have finances available to them, but they would rather not use these at that particular moment because it might, for example, involve prematurely uplifting an attractive fixed deposit. This is where the availability of *Next Day Cash* is perhaps most appreciated.

"With convenience becoming the order of the day at OCBC Bank, the submission process for *Next Day Cash* is, not surprisingly, simple. It only requires the customer's identity card, any credit card with a minimum limit of RM6,000 that he or she has held for at least a year, and a completed application form," he said.

As an incentive for people to try out *Next Day Cash*, OCBC Bank is offering customers a 30-day free trial period, after which they could elect to return the amount without being charged anything and without any questions being asked.

Next Day Cash allows individuals to apply for between RM6,000 and RM100,000 in financing without collateral or guarantor. Once approved, the funds are disbursed into the customer's Savings or Current account the next business day. Previously, they would have had to wait three to five days.

Monthly instalments for financing of RM6,000 can be as low as RM124 per month when a customer elects to go with the maximum tenure of seven years. The minimum tenure is two years.

For more details, please log on to www.ocbc.com.my.

About OCBC Bank

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