

## OCBC BANK STAFF BUILD HALL AND TOILETS FOR POS SLIM ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY

Ipoh, 29 October 2012 – More than 70 OCBC Bank staff from both Malaysia and Singapore recently made their way to the little village of Pos Slim, some 30 minutes from Ipoh, to help the local *orang asli* community build a new hall and toilet facilities.

Led by senior management staff including Mr Lim Kiang Tong, Head of Group Operations & Technology; Mr Denis Malone, Head of Group Operations; and Mr Lim Yau Seong, Head of Operations Malaysia, the bankers from the Operations and Technology division spent two days assisting the community folk in their quest for better facilities.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr Lim Yau Seong said OCBC Bank was pleased to be part of the project aimed at enriching the lives of the villagers.

“Pos Slim is a serene village comprising about 70 households. For several years, the people here wanted a community hall for cooking and sewing classes, which would also serve as a mobile medical centre and meeting spot for social activities. When we heard about this, we felt a need to make this dream become a reality. So we armed ourselves with building materials such as cement and bricks and got down to the job.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to have partnered with the Malaysia Relief Agency in this project to bring better amenities to the villagers,” he said.

The cost of the entire exercise, borne fully by the Bank, was more than RM80,000.

Commenting on the building exercise, Mr Lim said the two days saw the group working closely together as a team as they immersed themselves in an activity unfamiliar to most bankers.

“Most of us have experienced house-building projects through activities in other locations such as Bandung in Indonesia, Kota Bharu and Sepang. This is the first time, however, we are building a hall for the local *orang asli* community.

“I am pleased to say that in the process we also fine-tuned our teamwork ability. More importantly, we were happy to witness the sheer joy on the villagers’ faces when the walls of the community hall and toilets were completed during those two days. It was quite an emotional event for all of us,” he said.

OCBC Bank staff also donated food and essential items to the villagers. More than 200 school children of SK Pos Raya primary school were also given new school bags and stationary.

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OCBC staff helping out in the building of a community hall and toilet facilities at Pos Slim, Perak.



Mr Lim Yau Seong, Head of Operations, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad handing out a new school bag to a student of SK Pos Raya.



Mr Lim Khiang Tong, Head of Group Operations & Technology, OCBC Ltd (extreme left) laying bricks for the community hall.