

OCBC BANK INTRODUCES COUNTRY'S FIRST FIXED DEPOSIT-LINKED STUDY LOAN

Parents can now secure a study loan for their children using fixed deposits as collateral

Kuala Lumpur, 16 October 2015 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank) has introduced the country's first study loan featuring a fixed deposit as collateral.

Announcing this today, OCBC Bank's Head of Consumer Financial Services, Mr Lim Wyson, said students pursuing a degree, masters or doctoral programme can now obtain financing of up to twice the total fixed deposit amount pledged to the Bank through the newly-unveiled *OCBC Earn & Learn Education Loan (OCBC Earn & Learn)*.

OCBC Earn & Learn offers students up to RM500,000 in financing subject to their fixed deposit placement, allowing them to liberally supplement the maximum amount offered through the government-backed *Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Nasional (PTPTN)* loan scheme and minimise the use of EPF savings for the purpose.



Lim Wyson, OCBC Bank's Head of Consumer Financial Services

"This means that a person holding RM100,000 in fixed deposits with us, for example, would become eligible to apply for a RM200,000 study loan. We are pleased, as far as commercial banks go, to be a key driver behind study loans in Malaysia.

"Additionally, OCBC Bank will now deal directly with the education institution; so a customer won't need to walk into our branches anymore to provide instructions on progressive disbursements and so forth. And the education institutions simply bill the Bank directly," Mr Lim said.

He added that it is common for parents these days to need additional cash for their children's tertiary education despite having set aside savings, for example, in instances where they receive an invitation to study at a more prestigious and more expensive university.

"We hope this study loan will see to it that parents and students never settle for something else or, worse, nothing at all because there was no loan to aid them," Mr Lim said.

OCBC Earn & Learn comes at an interest rate of base rate (BR) + 2.83% p.a. (The OCBC Bank BR is currently 3.92).

The loan is available for courses at selected education institutions in Malaysia and is repayable over a tenure of up to ten years.

OCBC Bank is getting the word out about the study loan through activities at selected universities and colleges.

For more information, the public may call 1300-88-5000 or log on to www.ocbc.com.my

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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.

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