

OCBC BANK RECOGNISES CONTRIBUTION OF ITS FEMALE WORKFORCE AT WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME

Kuala Lumpur, 13 March 2019 – In conjunction with International Women's Day 2019, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank) recently held a half-day programme to honour the 3,417 women in its 5,324 workforce nationwide.



OCBC Bank Chief Executive Officer Dato' Ong Eng Bin (front row, seated 7th from left, in white shirt) together with the three speakers – Datin Goh Suet Lan (sixth from left), Ms Daisy Ng (fifth from right), Ms Elisha Othman (fourth from right) – and several of those who attended the half-day International Women's Day 2019 programme at Menara OCBC, Kuala Lumpur

The event featured inspiring talks by three enterprising ladies: Datin Goh Suet Lan, President of Women of Will, Malaysia; Ms Daisy Ng, Founder & Chief Education Officer of Trinity Kids (and Co-President of Lean In Malaysia); and Ms Elisha Othman, Managing Director of SOLS Health.

Addressing the participants at the event, OCBC Bank CEO Dato' Ong Eng Bin said the women of the organisation he helms had grown over the years to not just be part of the growth and development of the Bank but very much its driving force.

“If we did not have our women, we would be down to just a third of the organisation as women make up almost two-thirds of the entire OCBC Malaysia workforce. They occupy the majority of senior positions, with 53% of those ranked Vice President and above being women. At the branches, where leadership has been traditionally seen to be the domain of males, 47% of our branch leaders are women; while a third of the management committee comprises women,” he said.

Dato’ Ong also paid tribute to the impact women have had on OCBC Bank.

“Our women have lent that touch to the Bank that only they can bring, and along with it the sense of loyalty that epitomises their personalities. I am talking about their ability to think in ways that are different and often deeper than men; the capacity for a greater threshold of pain; the passion for others to succeed; and the drive to get things done,” he added.

Earlier in the day, each of the three guest speakers shared their experiences both as women and their efforts to reach out to other women.

Datin Goh, an avid supporter of women’s causes and empowerment, currently drives empowerment programmes for women living in poverty in both urban and rural Malaysia. Ms Ng, a mother of three who has written education programmes and actively consults on child development issues, seeks through her efforts to optimise human potential through education and by serving families. Ms Elisha, a registered clinical psychologist who has worked with children, adolescents and adults on a myriad psychological and development disorders, behavioural management, parenting skills and chronic pain, is currently incorporating her corporate and psychology training with her interest in education through consultation work.

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