

**OCBC MALAYSIA RAISES RM400 MILLION IN TIER 1 CAPITAL**

Kuala Lumpur, 17 April 2009 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Malaysia) today announced the successful placement of its Innovative Tier 1 Capital Securities (ITI Securities) totalling RM400 million.

The ITI Securities, rated AA3 (stable) by RAM Rating Services Berhad (RAM), qualifies as Tier 1 capital for OCBC Malaysia. RAM has also reaffirmed OCBC Malaysia's long and short term financial institution ratings at AA1 and P1 respectively, with a stable outlook.

According to OCBC Malaysia's Director & CEO, Mr Jeffrey Chew, the proceeds from the issuance would be utilised for the Bank's general working capital purposes.

"We are encouraged by investors' overwhelming response to the ITI issuance. The resultant oversubscription led to OCBC Malaysia exercising our greenshoe option to increase the issue amount to RM400 million.

"The ITI Securities represents part of our proactive capital management strategy to diversify our capital structure as well as to further boost our already strong capital base in the wake of the current challenging market conditions," he said.

OCBC Malaysia's Bank level core capital and risk weighted ratios, already strong at 8.38% and 11.24% respectively as at 31 December 2008, would further improve to 9.55% and 12.41% respectively upon issuance of the ITI Securities.



Ms Tan Ai Chin, Head of Investment Banking,  
OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad

Over the past four years, OCBC Malaysia has made a series of issuances to boost its capital base: RM400 million non-cumulative non-convertible perpetual preference shares in 2005, RM200 million Islamic Redeemable Subordinated Bonds in 2006, and RM400 million Redeemable Subordinated Bonds in 2007.

Elaborating on the ITI Securities, OCBC Malaysia's Head of Investment Banking, Ms Tan Ai Chin, said it represents permanent capital, redeemable 10 years after the date of issuance at OCBC Malaysia's option.

“The ITI Securities carries a coupon rate of 6.75% per annum, and in the event the ITI Securities is not redeemed after 10 years of the date of issuance, the coupon rate would be at a margin of 3.32% per annum above the 6-months KLIBOR.

“Subscribers to the ITI Securities are well-diversified and comprise local banks, insurance companies, asset management companies as well as private banking clients, demonstrating confidence in OCBC Malaysia’s strong brand name and robust business model,” she added.

OCBC Malaysia is the Principal Adviser/Lead Arranger for the issue and also acted as Joint Lead Manager and Joint Bookrunner together with CIMB Investment Bank Berhad. Approvals have been obtained from the Securities Commission and Bank Negara Malaysia for the issuance and inclusion of the ITI Securities as Tier 1 capital for OCBC Malaysia.

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OCBC Bank’s insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia, in terms of assets and market share, and its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors is one of the largest asset management companies in Southeast Asia. Additional information may be found at [www.ocbc.com](http://www.ocbc.com).