

## OCBC INVITING STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR OVER RM500,000 IN BOND-FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Kuala Lumpur, 4 May 2010 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad is inviting bright school leavers to apply for its bond-free public scholarships.



OCBC Bank's Director & CEO, Mr Jeffrey Chew

The Bank is looking to award more than half a million Ringgit in scholarship money to fifteen students, who would each receive RM10,000 per year to help them with tuition fees and living expenses for the entire duration of their studies at local tertiary institutions. Applications close on 17 May 2010.

According to OCBC Bank's Director & CEO, Mr Jeffrey Chew, most of the successful candidates in previous years scored at least four A's in their STPM or achieved a CGPA score of above 3.5.

“The OCBC public scholarships aim to provide financial assistance to students who are both needy and brainy, that is, those who come from low-income families and, at the same time, have excelled academically in their pre-university years. We are pleased to be able to do our part to help them make their dreams come true.

“In determining the final list of successful candidates, we take into account applicants' academic performance, moral character, extra-curricular record and family income levels,” he said.

The OCBC Scholarships were established in 1972 and remain among the few bond-free scholarships awarded to outstanding students who have gained admission into undergraduate studies at local tertiary institutions. Its primary objective is to provide financial assistance to students who excel academically and come from poor financial backgrounds to pursue their education in a field of their choice at local tertiary institutions.

For more information on the scholarships and to obtain the application forms, students can log on to [www.ocbc.com.my](http://www.ocbc.com.my).

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OCBC Bank's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has a network of more than 500 branches and representative offices in 15 countries and territories, including 382 branches and offices in Indonesia operated by its subsidiary, Bank OCBC NISP.

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