



## Press release

### **Standard Chartered donates HK\$10 million to provide 300 jobs for unemployed women**

*Women hired will deliver anti-epidemic kits to nearly 10,000 vulnerable homebound people*

**24 February 2022, Hong Kong** – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (“the Bank”) announced today that the Standard Chartered Community Foundation is donating HK\$10 million to the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) for supporting jobless women as the city’s fifth-wave of COVID cases has started to weigh on job market. About 300 women are expected to benefit from it.

The donations will be used to purchase around 80,000 anti-epidemic kits, with food and epidemic prevention supplies, for the underprivileged and offer two-month jobs for unemployed women to ease their short-term financial burden. Hired women will help deliver anti-epidemic kits to nearly 10,000 vulnerable homebound households, especially those with people with disabilities or seniors who live alone. To ensure the health and safety of the hired women, personal protection gears and transportation will be provided as needed. The HKCSS will manage and supervise the entire programme.

**Mary Huen, CEO, Standard Chartered, Hong Kong**, said: “The fifth-wave of epidemic has severely disrupted the retail, food and beverage sectors and many women employees in these sectors are now jobless. I believe that the new round of donations would provide timely financial support to needy women hit by COVID, and with the help of these women, warmth and care to those unable to leave home, helping them to weather the current challenges with essential supplies.”

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