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# Standard Chartered Hong Kong's office building - The Forum - receives EDGE green building certificate

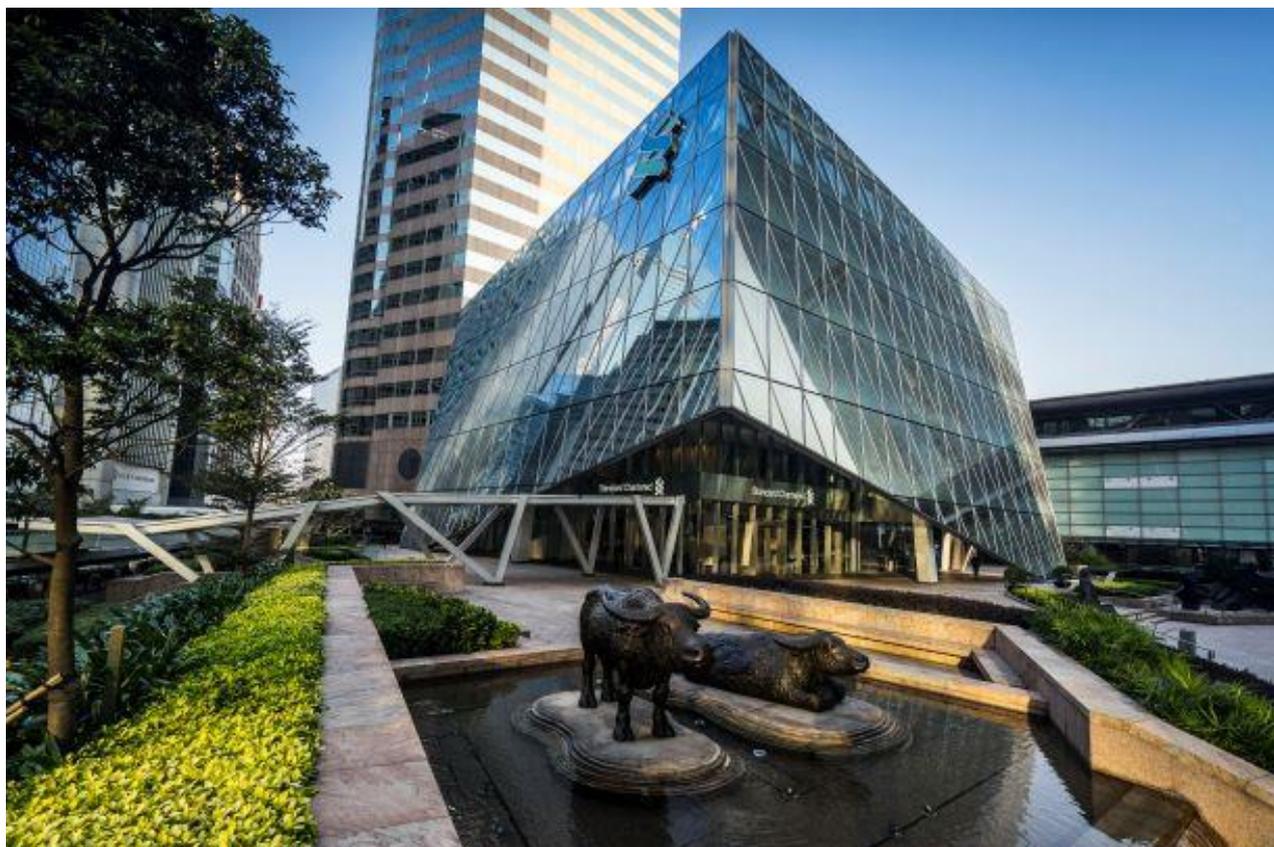
**21 February 2022, Hong Kong** – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (“Standard Chartered Hong Kong”) is pleased to announce that its landmark office building in Central, The Forum, owned and managed by Hongkong Land, has attained EDGE green building certificate, developed by the International Finance Corporation, which is a member of the World Bank Group. The certificate recognises the joint efforts of Standard Chartered Hong Kong and Hongkong Land in achieving 35% savings in energy, water and embodied energy in materials at The Forum, compared with other similar commercial buildings in Hong Kong. Standard Chartered Hong Kong and Hongkong Land are also in discussions to install additional solar panels at The Forum, with the aim to reach the Advanced Level of the EDGE programme in the next two years. Similar installations of solar photovoltaic systems on the rooftops of Hongkong Land owned - Chater House and The Forum generated 30,000 kWh of electricity in 2020.

As Hong Kong transitions towards carbon neutrality by 2050, Standard Chartered Hong Kong is fully dedicated to promoting sustainability in the market. Externally, we have launched a range of innovative sustainable finance products, such as Green Mortgage, Sustainable Savings Account and Sustainable Deposit, and are keen to provide green and transition financing to help clients reach their net zero targets. Internally, we are lowering carbon emissions from our operations and have reduced the use of electricity by about 20% and the use of printing paper by over 30% across all our office and branch premises over the past three years.

**Ms Shelley Boland, Head of Property, Asia and Consumer, Private and Business Banking, at Standard Chartered** said: “Standard Chartered has set a global target to reach net zero carbon emissions from its operations by 2025, which means in just three years’ time. Therefore, we are extensively transforming the place we work and the way we work to reduce the carbon emissions from our day-to-day operations. Greening our office buildings is a critical part of it. We are very pleased to partner with Hongkong Land in this important journey and make The Forum our first EDGE Certified office building. We will continue to step up our efforts and hope to ultimately achieve the ‘Zero Carbon’ level in the EDGE certification programme.”

**Mr Kenneth Foo, Executive Director, Property Management of Hongkong Land** said:

“Collaboration with our tenants in the achievement of sustainability targets is of key importance to Hongkong Land as we further our commitment to building a ‘Net Zero Carbon’ community. We have seen a rapidly increasing interest in sustainability from many of our tenants and we believe that in working with committed organisations such as Standard Chartered Hong Kong that we are able to have a more significant impact as we combine our insights, expertise and access to resources.”



**Photo caption:** The Forum attains EDGE green building certificate

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