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## **Standard Chartered alerts customers of fraudulent announcement**

**23 Dec 2020, Hong Kong** – Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Bank”) would like to alert the public of a fraudulent announcement that was circulating on social media and messaging apps and claimed to be issued by the Bank.

Standard Chartered would like to clarify that the Bank did not sign any memorandum of understanding or enter into any strategic agreement with Hope Life International Holdings Limited. For official announcements issued by the Bank, clients should visit the Bank’s public website (<https://www.sc.com/hk/>) or HKEX news website (<https://www.hkexnews.hk/index.htm>).

Standard Chartered would like to remind the public that the Bank does not provide advice and recommendations on any individual stocks through any communication channels, including phone calls and instant messaging apps (e.g. Whatsapp and WeChat). When in doubt, clients are advised to authenticate the identity of the caller or sender with the Bank.

If clients are concerned that they may have disclosed sensitive personal information, please report the case to the Police as soon as possible.

For enquiries, please contact the Bank’s 24-hour customer service hotline at (852) 2886 8868.

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Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges.

The history of Standard Chartered in Hong Kong dates back to 1859. It is currently one of the Hong Kong SAR's three note-issuing banks. Standard Chartered incorporated its Hong Kong business on 1 July 2004, and now operates as a licensed bank in Hong Kong under the name of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered PLC.

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