

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## OCBC WING HANG SPONSORED SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN OCBC CYCLE SINGAPORE

Youths to cycle in special segment at Singapore's largest mass cycling event held annually

Hong Kong, 8 May 2018 – OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited ("OCBC Wing Hang") provided financial and volunteer support to enable eight special needs youths to participate in OCBC Cycle Singapore, a signature cycling event developed by its parent company, OCBC Bank.

The event is Singapore's largest mass emission-free sporting event, to promote community bonding and a healthy lifestyle. Participants ride on closed roads, passing Singapore's most scenic spots, including the Singapore Flyer, Marina Bay Sands, Central Business District and Gardens by The Bay.



Eight special needs youths from SAHK received medals for participating in the special segment of OCBC Cycle Singapore on 5 May 2018

The eight youths were recruited from three special schools under SAHK, namely SAHK B M Kotewall Memorial School, SAHK Ko Fook Lu Memorial

School and SAHK Jockey Club Elaine Field School. They were accompanied by four caregivers and six OCBC Wing Hang volunteers to ensure that they were well cared for. All expenses were sponsored by OCBC Wing Hang Bank.

On 5 May, together with 32 beneficiaries from two Singapore organisations – the Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS) and SG Enable – the SAHK youths cycled on roads that were closed to traffic. This initiative gave them the opportunity to ride at the iconic Singapore Sports Hub and be part of a community event, like anyone else.

Apart from participating in OCBC Cycle Singapore, OCBC Wing Hang volunteers also accompanied the youths to visit well-known attractions, including the Gardens by the Bay where they walked on the OCBC Skyway, a 128 metre-long aerial walkway offering a panoramic view of the Gardens; the Merlion Park; and the newly completed terminal 4 at Singapore Changi International Airport. As this was their first trip to Singapore, many gave feedback that the trip was an eye-opener that they would not have the opportunity to enjoy without OCBC Wing Hang's support.



Six OCBC Wing Hang volunteers and four Caregivers from SAHK accompanied eight special needs youths from SAHK to visit Gardens by the Bay on 4 May 2018

Mr Na Wu Beng, CEO of OCBC Wing Hang Bank said, "It is very meaningful to bring Hong Kong youths with special needs to join this annual cycling festival held by OCBC Bank in Singapore. As a member of OCBC Bank, OCBC Wing Hang has been serving Hong Kong and is actively involved in community

services for many years. We hope to help the participants broaden their horizon and we do hope our action could raise more attention to youths with special needs."

Mr Stephen Wong, Head of Retail Banking and Chairman of CSR Committee of OCBC Wing Hang Bank said, "For the first time we sent teams of staff volunteers abroad to provide community services, which enables them to embark on service-learning expeditions to make a difference, and motivate more colleagues to participate in future CSR initiatives at home and abroad."

Mrs. Josephine M.W. Tsui Pang, Chairperson of SAHK said, "The Association always encourages students to step out of the classroom and open up new learning horizons by taking part in different activities. This trip definitely broadened our students' perspective and enriched their life experiences. I would like to express my sincere thanks to OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited for their volunteers' participation and generous support. In the future, the Association is looking forward to continue its close partnership with the Bank so as to foster social harmony and inclusion."

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## **About SAHK**

Founded in 1963, SAHK was formerly named "The Spastic Association of Hong Kong", serving persons with cerebral palsy at all ages. To align with its service expansion to persons with different disabilities, the Association was renamed "SAHK" in 2008. To uphold its belief in "Succeed and Advance", SAHK is dedicated to provide a wide range of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities in order to realise their full potential, enhance their independency, and assist them to integrate into the society. SAHK's four core services are "Children and Family Support Service", "Special Education", "Adult Service" and "Community Support Service". A total of 68 service units and Specialised Service Programmes currently provide services to 16,000 families per annum.

## **About OCBC Wing Hang**

OCBC Wing Hang, together with its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, offers a comprehensive range of commercial banking products and services and other financial services such as consumer financing, share brokerage and insurance, among others. It has a network of over 100 branches and offices in Hong Kong, Macau and China.

Founded in Guangzhou as a money changing business in 1937, the former Wing Hang Bank was incorporated and granted a banking licence in Hong Kong in 1960. OCBC Wing Hang Limited (Hong Kong) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of OCBC Bank on 15 October 2014. OCBC Bank is the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets and one of the world's most highly-rated banks, with an Aa1 rating from Moody's. Recognised for its financial strength and stability, OCBC Bank is consistently ranked among the World's Top 50 Safest Banks by Global Finance and has been named Best Managed Bank in Singapore and the Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker. OCBC Bank is the longest established Singapore bank with an international presence of over 590 branches and representative offices in 18 countries and regions. OCBC Bank's market-leading subsidiaries include Great Eastern Holdings, the oldest and most established life insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia; Lion Global Investors, one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia; and Bank of Singapore, which operates on a unique open-architecture product platform to source for the best-in-class products to meet its clients' goals.

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