

OCBC Wing Hang Bank completed 90-days of Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Rearing Programme in partnership with Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong

Honoring OCBC Bank's 90th Anniversary

Hong Kong, 1 November 2022 – OCBC Wing Hang Bank (“OCBC Wing Hang”) announces that it completed a special conservation programme in partnership with the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong (“OPCFHK”) to educate internal staff on wildlife protection and natural habitats conservation.

This 90-day Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Rearing Programme was curated to promote conservation messages honoring its parent Group OCBC Bank turning 90 this year. 20 staff volunteers joined the programme as dedicated foster parents and took turns to take care of the baby horseshoe crabs upon training and support from OPCFHK. The programme period was set as 90 days to signify OCBC Bank operating and serving the communities for 90 years. Echoing OCBC Bank's strong commitment in giving back to the community and sustainability advocacy in Singapore, this programme has enabled OCBC Wing Hang, as OCBC Bank's subsidiary to contribute to raising the awareness of conservation of endangered species and protecting biodiversity of the local community.

A wild release and mud-flat clean-up activity was organized at the end of the rearing programme at Ha Pak Nai in Yuen Long West, Chief Executive of OCBC Wing Hang Bank Ms Ivy Au-Yeung, together with the staff foster parents joined the activity. Ten baby Chinese horseshoe crabs were released back to their natural habitat after spending 90 days at the OCBC Wing Hang Bank Tower.

Ms Ivy Au-Yeung, Chief Executive of OCBC Wing Hang Bank said, “Both OCBC Wing Hang and our parent Group OCBC Bank endeavour to create a sustainable world for our next generation, and we take initiatives in driving environmentally friendly programmes. The launch of ‘Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Rearing Programme’ at our Bank is a step we take to educate our staff to protect wildlife and preserve natural habitats, and they can be

ambassadors and influence their family and friends. We call for small steps by our staff to make a difference to the environment.”

Horseshoe crabs are known as “living fossils” as they have lived for more than 450 million years. Unfortunately, among four horseshoe crab species around the world, three of them already listed as “Endangered”, whereas Chinese horseshoe crab is one of them. The major threats facing by horseshoe crabs are due to human activities. Over 90% of juvenile Chinese horseshoe crab population in Hong Kong were disappeared due to pollution and destruction of their spawning grounds, meanwhile, they are also harvested for their blood to produce biomedical testing agent. Immediate actions shall be taken to protect the remnant population before they go to extinct.



Ms Ivy Au-Yeung, Chief Executive of OCBC Wing Hang Bank and staff volunteers release juvenile horseshoe crabs at Ha Pak Nai in Yuen Long West

OCBC Bank celebrated its 90th anniversary on 31 October 2022, a series of giving back activities are arranged in its core markets including Singapore, Malaysia and the Greater China. At OCBC Wing Hang Macau, 27 volunteers completed a coastal clean-up activity near Tam Kung Temple in Coloane this September, echoing the Group in caring our environment.

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and other financial services such as consumer financing, share brokerage and insurance, among others. It has a network of over 60 branches and offices in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Mainland 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 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 Aa1 by Moody's and AA- by both Fitch and S&P. 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 by The Asian Banker. OCBC Bank is the longest established Singapore bank with an international presence of more than 420 branches and representative offices in 19 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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