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## NEWS RELEASE

### **UOB Wins Community Chest Award for Singapore Fundraising Efforts**

**Singapore, 18 October 2012** – United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) was today announced the winner of the Community Chest Special Events Platinum Award in recognition of its fundraising efforts in Singapore. This is the second consecutive year UOB has won the award.

The award is presented to organisations and individuals who have raised more than S\$300,000 for Community Chest through fundraising initiatives. In the last two years, UOB raised more than S\$1 million for Community Chest through its annual Heartbeat Run/Walk. UOB launched its annual Heartbeat Run/Walk five years ago as a way to raise funds for local charities operating specifically in the areas of arts, children and education.

Mr Wee Ee Cheong, Deputy Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer, UOB Group said, “As an organisation which has been supporting Singapore corporations and customers for the last 77 years, UOB is also strongly committed to improving the lives of the people in our community. We demonstrate this through the many activities in which our people are involved, including the annual UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk.”

“It is uplifting to see our 8,000 UOB colleagues in Singapore united in their support to help the less privileged and disadvantaged in our society. The UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk has proven to be such a success in Singapore that employees in other countries across our regional network are also running this initiative to raise funds for their charity partners and contribute to the communities in which they work.”

Ms Tan Bee Heong, General Manager, Community Chest said, “UOB has been raising funds for Community Chest through the UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk for several years. We are happy to acknowledge UOB’s efforts with the Special Events Platinum

Award at our Community Chest Awards ceremony this year and would like to express our deepest appreciation for their generous support over the years.”

In addition to fundraising, UOB employees are also involved directly with the Bank's beneficiaries through various volunteer activities. UOB employees have spent more than 2,200 hours volunteering with the Bank's supported charities in the first nine months of 2012.

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**About United Overseas Bank**

United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) is a leading bank in Asia. It provides a wide range of financial services through its global network of over 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Western Europe and North America, including banking subsidiaries in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and mainland China.

UOB plays an active role in the community, focusing on children, education and the arts. Its staff volunteerism programme was initiated in 2007. Through the UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk, UOB has raised funds for its named beneficiaries. UOB has also organised the prestigious Painting Of The Year Competition and Exhibition since 1982. In recognition of its contributions to the arts, UOB has been conferred the National Arts Council's Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award for the eight consecutive year.

For more information, please visit UOB website: [uob.com.sg](http://uob.com.sg)

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