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UOB employees from across the region run together for a cause

\$660,000 raised for local children's charities in the region

Singapore, 2 June 2013 – United Overseas Bank (UOB) employees and their families made a heartfelt start to the June school holidays this morning when they participated in the annual UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk.

More than eight thousand employees from across five markets, together with their children and family members, ran or walked to raise funds for charities that support disadvantaged children develop their potential through art education and early skills intervention.

In Singapore, 4,000 people walked the 5km route or ran the 10km route around Punggol Waterway Park. The event raised S\$560,000 in contributions from the Bank, its employees and customers. Donations from the UOB teams in Bangkok, Semarang, Kuala Lumpur and Shanghai brought the total amount raised to more than S\$660,000.

UOB Deputy Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Wee Ee Cheong completed the Run/Walk and then later joined in the UOB family day activities.

Mr Wee said: "UOB is committed to supporting the communities in which it operates across the region. The UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk is an opportunity for our people to give back to society and contribute towards the well-being of the less fortunate. It is about having a healthy heart in every sense of the word."

Money raised from the UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk in Singapore will go towards the Metta School and Towner Gardens School. Both institutions are supported by the Community Chest and have art therapy programmes to help children with mild intellectual disabilities overcome challenges and reach their full potential.

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About the UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk

UOB believes in helping disadvantaged children to reach their potential through education, early skills intervention and rehabilitation using art. In 2007, the Group launched the UOB Heartbeat Employee Volunteer Programme as a way to raise funds for local charities operating specifically in the areas of arts, children and education.

Each year, UOB employees participate in the UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk as a way to raise funds for such charities. Since 2007, UOB has donated more than \$3 million in Singapore to charities operating in these areas.

The UOB Heartbeat event was expanded to include employees in Malaysia in 2008, Indonesia in 2010, Thailand in 2011 and mainland China in 2012.

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About United Overseas Bank

United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) is a leading bank in Asia with a global network of more than 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Western Europe and North America. Since its incorporation in 1935, UOB has grown organically through a series of strategic acquisitions. Today it operates in Asia through its branches and representative offices as well as banking subsidiaries in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

UOB plays an active role in the community, focusing on the arts, education and children. For three decades UOB has organised the prestigious UOB Painting Of The Year Competition and Exhibition. In recognition of its contributions to the arts, UOB was conferred the National Arts Council's Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award for the eighth consecutive year in 2012. UOB also encourages its employees across the region to be involved in its regular volunteer activities. This includes the annual UOB Heartbeat Run/Walk which is held in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and mainland China.

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