

RHB-JBIC Signs First of its Kind MoU for Strategic Cooperation in Environmental Preservation for Asean Region

Kuala Lumpur, 1 March 2013 - RHB Bank Berhad ("RHB") and Japan Bank for International Cooperation ("JBIC"), one of the world's largest government banks owned by Government of Japan today signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") for 'A Comprehensive Partnership on Global Action for Reconciling Economic Growth and Environmental Preservation for ASEAN region'.

The MoU is the first of its kind in the ASEAN region. This MoU paves the way for a strategic collaboration between RHB Bank and JBIC for both parties to share and exchange knowledge and information with a view to identify and fund businesses and projects that have a positive impact on the preservation of the global environment.



(from left to right) Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, Chairman of RHB Bank; En. Johari Muid, Managing Director of RHB Bank; Mr Fumio Hoshi, COO & Senior Managing Director of JBIC and Mr. Hiroshi Matsuura, Minister in the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia



(from left to right) HE Masahiko Horie, University Technology Malaysia's Ambassador at Malaysia; Tan Sri Ong Leong Huat, Chairman of RHB Investment Bank Berhad; Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad; Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, Chairman of RHB



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Bank Berhad; Mr Fumio Hoshi, COO & Senior Managing Director of JBIC; Dato' Mohamed Khadar Merican, Chairman of RHB Capital Berhad; and Tuan Haji MD Jafar Abdul Carrim, Chairman of RHB Insurance Berhad

According to En Johari Abdul Muid, Managing Director, RHB Bank, "This MOU represents a clear commitment for the Bank to explore cooperation with parties such as JBIC to fund and develop sustainable environmental projects in Malaysia and the ASEAN region which support global environmental preservation. We believe that this collaboration with JBIC will spur both the large corporations and the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to further venture into such projects."

He also added that the MoU was a timely move to provide added capacity to RHB Bank to expand its business portfolio and provide funding access to the SMEs in the medium to longer term as such environmental preservation projects would typically involve a longer payback period.

Mr. Fumio Hoshi, COO and Senior Managing Director of JBIC, said, "This collaboration is evidence of JBIC's functions as the catalyst for the Japanese Government to promote preservation of the environment by providing financial support to sustainable environmental projects or investments in the ASEAN region.

"Additionally, the Japanese Government through JBIC continues to support Malaysia and other ASEAN countries to further strengthen existing strong ties and to encourage trade and economic cooperation. In this regard, JBIC is pleased to collaborate with RHB Bank, who is already our existing partner in this initiative due to the banking group's regional presence, positive track record, and strong management team with a proven portfolio in environmental friendly projects."

RHB is the first private financial institution in this region to engage in such a cooperation with JBIC to promote environmental preservation. This MoU will be the 5th strategic financial collaboration with JBIC and is another clear indication of and a significant milestone in the long term relationship and strong bilateral cooperation between RHB Bank and JBIC. Signing on behalf of JBIC was Mr Fumio Hoshi, while En. Johari Abdul Muid, signed on behalf of RHB Bank Berhad. The signing was witnessed by Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, Chairman of RHB Bank and Mr Hiroshi Matsuura, Minister, Embassy of Japan in Malaysia

Following the signing ceremony, YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia addressed over 150 Japanese clients of RHB Bank on the topic "Message to Japan : Road to Recovery in the Global and ASEAN Economy." YABhg Tun shared with the audience his thoughts and insights on how Japan can recover and adjust its presence in the world economy as well as on the economic relationship between Japan and ASEAN countries.

The event ended with a dialogue and Q&A session with YABhg Tun which was moderated by His Excellency Masahiko Horie, the former ambassador of Japan to Malaysia.

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About the RHB Banking Group

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About Japan Bank for International Cooperation ("JBIC")

- *JBIC on April 2012 has set off to a new start as a policy-based financial institution wholly owned by the Government of Japan*
- *The role of JBIC is to complement the financing provided by private sector financial institutions by promoting overseas development and acquisition of strategically important natural resources to Japan as well as maintaining and improving the international competitiveness of Japanese industries. Prior to JBIC's partnership*



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with RHB Group, its activities have revolved around government-to-government funding and financing development and infrastructure projects in emerging economy countries.

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International Financial Operations : 8,193 billion Yen @ 30 June 2012

Outstanding loans & other financing:
Outstanding guarantees: 2,378 billion Yen @ 30 June 2012