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HSBC DONATES US\$300,000 FOR ASIAN DISASTER RELIEF

HSBC announced today that it is donating US\$300,000 to the Red Cross in response to the damage caused by Typhoon Ketsana in the Philippines and Vietnam, and the severe earthquake in Indonesia.

Sandy Flockhart, Chief Executive Officer, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, said: "HSBC offers its condolences to the victims and their families. Though nothing can compensate for the lives that have been lost, we sincerely hope that through this donation, we are able to provide some assistance to those who have suffered otherwise."

HSBC will consult with the local Red Cross in each country to understand their priorities and to determine how best to use the funds.

In addition, HSBC has set up accounts to collect staff donations from around the region to help support this effort.

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