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**Honouring the Enduring Legacy of Visionary Leadership: Public Bank Pays Tribute to Its Esteemed Founder Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow**

Public Bank solemnly commemorated the first memorial anniversary of the esteemed late Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow, the revered Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Public Bank. This poignant event, held at the prestigious Menara Public Bank, served as a profound opportunity to celebrate and pay homage to the indelible legacy of a visionary leader who played a pivotal role in shaping the banking industry of Malaysia.

Tan Sri Teh Hong Piow, a true trailblazer in the realm of finance, dedicated his entire life to upholding principles of integrity, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. In 1966, he laid the foundation for Public Bank, which has since flourished into one of the foremost financial institutions, contributing significantly to nation-building efforts not only in Malaysia but also across the region where Public Bank has established its presence.

Under his exceptional stewardship, the Bank expanded its services, offering a comprehensive suite of financial products tailored to cater to the diverse needs of its esteemed clientele.

During the commemorative event, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Tay Ah Lek, CEO and Managing Director of Public Bank, delivered a deeply moving speech, acknowledging the profound impact his late mentor had on the banking industry and the wider community. With eloquence, he stated, "People do not merely follow titles; they follow passionate leaders who believe in them and inspire them to greatness." This sentiment perfectly encapsulates the leadership style and influence of the late Tan Sri Teh.

In a heartfelt tribute to the late Tan Sri Teh Hong Piow, whose mark on the banking industry and the community at large is deep rooted, Public Bank remains steadfast in its commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), particularly in assisting the underprivileged and the needy.

Continuing the philanthropic legacy established by the late banking grandmaster, Ms. Teh Li Shian, Diona, youngest daughter of Tan Sri Teh Hong Piow, made significant contributions amounting to RM145.2 million to two hospitals and ten deserving charities. These contributions include RM143,000,000 to Tung Shin Hospital, RM200,000 each to Hospital Sultan Idris Shah, Serdang, Rumah Bakti Ci Hang, Wan Hing Home Care, Pure Life Society, Rumah Victory Elderly Home, Desa Amal Jireh, Rumah Kebajikan Anbu Illam, Pusat Jagaan Al-Fikrah Malaysia, Pusat Jagaan Nur Hasanah, Rumah Titian Kaseh, and Yayasan Sunbeams Home.

Expressing her sentiments, Ms. Teh Li Shian, Diona shared, "During his lifetime, my Dad had touched countless lives," as she continues her father's legacy of compassion and generosity. She further articulated, "I hope that these contributions will create ripples of positivity and kindness, further spreading my Dad's enduring legacy to both the present and future generations."

In remembrance of Tan Sri Teh's enormous contributions and lifelong dedication to Public Bank and the banking industry, the Bank has dedicated two special floors in Menara Public Bank for the set-up of the "TEH HONG PIOW GALLERY". Ms. Teh then proceeded to officiate the opening of the Gallery, located at Level 30.

The Gallery stands as a testament to Tan Sri Teh's numerous achievements and milestones in both his personal and corporate journey. It showcases the deep love he had for Public Bank, the pride he took in its trajectory growth, the staff he considered his corporate family, and the unique culture and commitment to excellence that he fostered. Adorned with collectibles and memorabilia, the Gallery beautifully encapsulates all these aspects of his life and legacy.

With this Memorial Anniversary, we honour the late Tan Sri Teh's enduring legacy in the world of banking and finance. It is our fervent hope that his memory continues to embolden future generations to reach out for greatness, to dream big, and to make a positive impact on the world.



Ms. Diona Teh (centre) and Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Tay Ah Lek with all the beneficiaries during the memorial anniversary



Ms. Diona Teh (fifth from right) with Public Bank's Board Members during the Launching of 'TEH HONG PIOW GALLERY'

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