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## HSBC DONATES TO SELF HELP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

A programme to provide high school equivalency certification to young people who did not complete high school, has received the support of HSBC Bank (Cayman) Limited.

The bank has donated US\$4,170, on behalf of an HSBC's client's charitable trust, to enable the New Self Help Community Foundation to provide interested young people with study and tutoring sessions for the GED certification. The programme is one of several youth development activities that the Foundation conducts "to improve the educational opportunities for Cayman's youth," noted JC Conor, a director of the Foundation.

The high school equivalency certification began in 2006 and enrolls up to six young people at any one time.

"The New Self Help Community Foundation is a stakeholder in the National Youth Policy of the Cayman Islands and as such has a role to play in encouraging young people to participate in their communities. The Foundation seeks to provide the opportunities and the tools for them to participate, but we can only do so with the support of the business community. As such, we value HSBC's donation, which will enable us to assist some youngsters who need these programmes the most," Mr. Conor said.

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Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Cayman, Gonzalo Jalles stated: “The Self Help Community Foundation’s high school certification programme will no doubt provide a second chance to persons, who for various reasons, did not complete high school. We are pleased to provide our support and to encourage the Foundation in all of its programmes. It is our hope that the young people it serves will find success in whatever they do.”

The Self Help Community Foundation, a registered non-profit also provides creative arts seminars and workshops, talent expositions, trade skills training and scholarship assistance for Cayman’s youngsters.

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**Caption:**

JC Conor (centre), a director of the Self Help Community Foundation, accepts a donation from HSBC Bank Cayman Limited’s Chief Executive Officer, Gonzalo Jalles (left) and Head of Fiduciary Services, Garry Crossan, to support the Foundation’s high school certification programme.

**Notes to Editors:**

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