

Press Release

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**HANG SENG AND HK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PRESENT
CONCERT FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Hang Seng Bank and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HKPO) presented a light-hearted chamber concert for about 150 children from special schools at the Bank's Penthouse today (13 June 2005) under the music education programme "Hang Seng Bank — Blossom with Music".

At the concert, 16 musicians of the HKPO played several famous pieces on string, brass, and percussion instruments for students from eight special schools. Students from Margaret Trench Red Cross School also gave a wonderful performance of a song whose encouraging lyrics had been written by a teacher of the School.

Mr Raymond Or, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank, played a song with four students at the concert. Mr Edward Ho Sing Tin, Chairman of the General Committee of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, also played a song on the violin specially for Mr Or.

Mr Or said: "Hang Seng is very pleased to bring enjoyment to a special audience through this concert. This is the second time that we have held a concert for special schools at Hang Seng's Penthouse. We believe that music can enrich students' lives and help develop their potential. Hang Seng is delighted to play a role in this important mission."

In the 2004/05 academic year, the music education programme "Hang Seng Bank — Blossom with Music" has reached about 70,000 primary and secondary students through its 24 student concerts, 36 ensemble visits to schools, 15 masterclasses, four family concerts and one performance at a shopping mall. Sponsored by Hang Seng Bank for seven years, the programme has taught music appreciation to over 360,000 students since 1998.

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