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SCBHK Employees Celebrates Happy Fridays

Hong Kong, 22 July 2008 - Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("SCBHK") recently launches "Happy Fridays" programme, a new initiative to promote work-life balance among employees.

SCBHK Happy Fridays encourages all employees to enjoy their weekend with their families and for personal interests - by making their best efforts to complete all meetings by 5pm and to leave on time on Fridays.

Special themes are also introduced to bring more fun to the office. SCBHK staff has so far celebrated Happy Fridays under themes including "Wear the brightest colours on black Friday" and "Bring your kids to work". The initiative has received positive feedback from the staff.

Recognized for the efforts in providing great work environment, SCBHK was recently named the "Employer of Choice" at the prestigious Hong Kong HR Awards 2008. The Bank was also named by The Gallup Organisation as a winner of the Gallup Great Workplace Award.

Photographs

Caption :

SCBHK employees brought their children to work to celebrate Happy Friday.



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