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10% CIVIL SERVICE PAY RISE?

DETAILS of a pay rise for the 130,000 civil servants will be announced on July 4, several papers, including Ming Pao in an inside page lead, said today.

Quoting sources, the papers said the increase would be about 10 per cent.

According to Mr. John Dodwell, who represented the Chinese Civil Servants' Association, the Association of Expatriate Civil Servants and the Senior Non-Expatriate Officers' Association, civil servants would generally accept a 10 per cent pay rise, but would definitely oppose an increase smaller than that in the private sector, the papers said.

Mr. Dodwell said the Civil Service Branch would inform the associations of the Government's decision in the next few days.

Some papers quoted the chairman of the Chinese Civil Servants' Association, Mr. Kwok Yuen-hon, as saying that civil servants would not oppose a 10 per cent pay rise because it was equivalent to the increase by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.