



WHEN your parents enjoy a cup of tasty coffee at breakfast, have you **wondered** where the coffee comes from? Farmers in poor countries grow them and are **forced** to sell their **crops** to rich countries at a very low price. Let's learn more about **fair trade**.

About fair trade

COMPANIES from rich countries buy goods from poor countries at a low price because they want to make as much money as possible, **exploiting** the farmers. Fair trade provides better **trading conditions** for poor countries. Under fair trade, companies pay a higher price for the goods. It helps development in poor countries.



(AFP)

Support fair trade

ALL consumers want to buy **products** at the lowest price. You cannot change the world, but you can support fair trade by spending a bit more. Next time, when you go to a coffee shop with your parents, ask them to order fair trade coffee.



(Reuters)

Chat with friends

THE price for a pound of coffee from farmers may be as low as US\$1. Companies believe US\$1 is a fair price for the farmers' hard work because they do not need much money in poor countries.

- Should companies make as much **profit** as possible and not give a fair share to farmers?
- If you were a farmer, would you think US\$1 is a fair price for your hard work?

Learn more about fair trade

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what_we_do/fairtrade/ft_faq.htm#1

<http://www.maketrade fair.org.hk>



(AFP)

Corn farmers are forced to sell their crops at a low price.

Vocabulary

wondered 想像
forced 被迫的

crops 農作物
fair trade 公平貿易

exploiting 剝削的
trading conditions 貿易條件

products 產品
profit 利潤