SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動

Reports and Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

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REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動 DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Sowers Action (the "Company") for the year ended 30 June 2023.

1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company was engaged in funds raising to support the operations of the education program and livelihood needs around the world. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Company's principal activities during the year.

2. RESULTS

The Company's results for the year ended 30 June 2023 and the Company's financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 9 to 51.

3. DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Choi Shiu Ming (Chairman)

Mo Sik Keung (Vice Chairman)

Pak Paul (Vice Chairman)

Tang Ho Lun Ronald (Vice Chairman)

Suen Man Fai

Cheung Man Kwong

Au Ho

Shum Wing Sze Quiny

Zen Tung Yee Toni

Lee Yan Kit (Vice Chairman) (Retired and re-appointed on 29 October 2022)

Ho Ngai Leung (Retired on 29 October 2022)
Chan Pui Yee (Retired on 29 October 2022)

(Retired on 29 October 2022)

Ching Shuk Ying Vanessa (Retired on 29 October 2022)
Sit Hung Hai (Appointed on 29 October 2022)

In accordance with Article 55(b) of the Articles of Association, Pak Paul, Suen Man Fai, Cheung Man Kwong and Au Ho will retire but eligible for re-election in forthcoming annual general meeting.

4. PERMITTED INDEMNITY

During the year ended 30 June 2023, a permitted indemnity provision as defined in the Companies Ordinance was in force for an indemnity against a liability incurred by directors of the Company, to a third party.

5. BUSINESS REVIEW

As the 3-year long pandemic subsides, public sentiments and outlooks are starting to resume normal. On the other hand, social order and the economy, despite signs of improvement, has not fully recovered. Further, as China – US relations continue to deteriorate, it has led to low economic growth and high inflation, thereby putting enormous pressure on corporate profitability and livelihood of our citizens. As a result, the number of volunteers and fund raising participants have seen a significant decrease, and the donation raised during the year, HK\$13.3 million, approximates only one-third of those raised in normal years. In May, a trip to Nepal was organized with only 19 participants. Due to increased regulations for stability maintenance in various regions, it has been challenging for external groups to operate, and many resources need to be allocated for government procedures and reporting.

In this post pandemic era, complacencies are common place, and the can-do attitude of the past has all but disappeared. And as video-conferencing now replace most face-to-face meeting, the absence of human interactions makes it difficult to build morale and cohesion in our volunteer team.

Some suggest that charitable organization has no place in our society. However, as income and other inequalities increasing rapidly, the role of charitable organization — to mediate and mitigate such inequalities — as we see it, has become all the more important. Without such organizations, what will our society come of tomorrow?

In June, we saw over 800 volunteers participated, despite extreme heat, to complete the giant puzzle that bore the name of our organization, "Sowers Action". I take the opportunity to express our gratitude to all those participated. In the same month, we held our first ever flag-selling fund-raising activity. However, the location (Hong Kong Island which is rather far from our beneficiary area) and date (close to exam period) we were assigned to less than ideal and has severely affected our ability to fundraise. However, we will learn from this and continue to work harder next year.

Progress on projects in Myanmar, Northern Thailand and Nepal were marginal in the past year. The main adverse factors are foreign exchange controls limiting our ability to wire in subsidy funding and political where our ability to work with local partners remain uncertain. At the moment, we are collaborating with our local partners on a very "low key" basis. In contrast, our achievements in Nepal were more satisfactory, especially in the Chinese language classes. 3 of our students finished a 1-year course and as a result, gained new employment which helped to raise their monthly income from 15,000 to 40,000+ rupee.

5. BUSINESS REVIEW (CONT'D)

Our agricultural projects have also provided relief for the recipient families. However, this is a country prone to natural disasters. Every year, monsoons cause torrential rain and mudslides, and families are destroyed. It will take major national policies to improve the fundamentals, but for now, Sowers Action will assist in any way we can to provide relief. For the Nepalese residents, a bag of rice, a winter coat we provided are greatly treasured. As we delivered these relief supplies, we were greeted enthusiastically and emotionally, local residents shaking our hands, weeping, and expressing their gratitude in foreign words that we do not quite comprehend. And all this while, we can think of no one but you who donated selflessly to the cause.

Sowers Action Shum Shui Po center is also busy at work. While needs for family subsidy decrease as society regains normalcy post pandemic, we switch our focus to strengthen education programs: one-on-one tutoring, theme classes, special education, out-reach programs to expand students' horizon and confidence. With that, we aim ultimately to minimize cross-generation poverty through education. Although we have already reached out to many, much work remains. Charity is a shared responsibility and achieving social equality will no doubt contribute to a harmonious society.

I once met a widow who lost her husband less than a year after coming to Hong Kong from China. She and her daughter need to survive on a monthly subsidy of HK\$4,000, after paying rent there is little left and they rely on lunch box hand-outs for their meals. And when they had to relocate from Cheung Sha Wan to Mongkok, she needed to move her belongings walking the distance as she did not have the means to pay for bus fare. At the end, Sowers Action helped her relocate and found a used refrigerator for her use. Many voiced their opinion, some said that she should return to China and continue farming, some sympathized with her needs to stay in Hong Kong to care for her daughter. In the middle of it all, Sowers Action tries to play a critical role in filling in the void where public policies did not address.

I come back to the question "what will our society come of tomorrow?" Sowers Action can be said a microcosm of the public welfare sector, while we are known for our work amongst the sub-divided flat residents in Shum Shui Po, we are also known for providing care for the less fortunate outside of Hong Kong. The non-profit sector nowadays is now run more and more by economic and market dynamics, where competition, profitability and exclusivity are becoming more important. Under our limited operational budget, how can we afford to pay the high salary of some expert who can help apply successfully to foundation funding? Alternatively, to receive funding, we need to play by or rely on the 3 power principles, power of money, power of the government, and power of the social media.

5. BUSINESS REVIEW (CONT'D)

The contracting economy and declining income has severely impacted donations to non-profit organizations and most can no longer operate independently to serve out its mission to improve social causes. And worse, many small to medium sized organizations have gone out of existence, and the remaining few are spread razor-thin and inadequate to serve the many needs of our society, with the void especially severe in the low-income population, and we are hearing much grievances from the neglected. In closing, we at Sowers Action are no doubt feeling the financial impact of the economic contraction. A drought is looming but we are hopeful that we will be able to discover relief, new funding sources, before the drought arrives.

6. AUDITOR

The financial statements have been audited by RSM Hong Kong who retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

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Choi Shiu Ming Chairman 2 1 SEP 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOWERS ACTION

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sowers Action (the 'Company") set out on pages 9 to 51, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, and the statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPAs") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Companies Ordinance.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design
 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' uses of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOWERS ACTION

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Certified Public Accountant

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
INCOME Donations Other income	8 9	13,286,985 1,816,526	19,122,286 1,158,569
Other gains and losses, net	10	(2,396,923)	2,970,224
		12,706,588	23,251,079
EXPENDITURE			
Administration	11	3,428,042	3,031,673
Fund raising	12	931,951	804,686
Projects	13	13,816,695	18,989,850
Interest on secured bank borrowing		85,229	50,711
Interest on lease liabilities	10	20,134	7,672
		18,282,051	22,884,592
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSES)/INCOME			
FOR THE YEAR	14	(5,575,463)	366,487

SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1.0	7.260.060	7 667 906
Investment properties	18	7,360,068	7,667,806
Property, plant and equipment	19	14,312,865	14,963,943
Right-of-use assets	20	435,903	866,783
		22,108,836	23,498,532
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments, other receivables and deposits	21	609,139	680,595
Fixed deposits with original maturity over three			
months		5,000,000	1,044,504
Cash and cash equivalents	22	53,521,757	61,717,159
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		59,130,896	63,442,258
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables and accruals	23	132,834	113,000
Deferred income	24	896,178	485,500
Secured bank borrowing	25	2,808,264	2,923,888
Lease liabilities	26	408,489	469,573
Lease Habilities		4,245,765	3,991,961
	2	4,445,705	3,991,901
Net current assets	9	54,885,131	59,450,297
Total assets less current liabilities		76,993,967	82,948,829
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	26		379,399
Lease liabilities	۷٥ ,	_	317,377
NET ASSETS	3	76,993,967	82,569,430
FUNDS	1	76,993,967	82,569,430

Approved by the Board of Directors on $_{2}\ _{1}\ \text{Sec}$ 2023

and signed by the following directors:

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Choi Shiu Ming Chairman Paul Pak Director

SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Chinasa	Administration	Davielonment		Disactor relief		Perpetual	Demotrial	
71	education fund	fund	fund	Overseas fund	Disaster remer	Project fund	education and fund	operation fund	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 July 2021 (Deficit) surplus for the year and total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the year	18,412,089	7,388,074	11,431,101	27,058,318	3,681,031	12,522,511	1,698,836	10,983	82,202,943
(note 7) Transfer to/(from) the fund (note)	(4,298,611)	(1,792,489)	4,015,765	9.9	(47,455)	2,549,213	(59,794)	(142)	366,487
At 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 (Deficit) surplus for the year and total comprehensive (expenses) fincome for the year	14,113,478	7,695,585	13,346,866	27,058,318	3,633,576	15,071,724	1,639,042	10,841	82,569,430
(note 7)	(2,656,472)	(2,414,439)	274,360	(670,650)	(650,06)	80,107	(98,041)	(269)	(5,575,463)
At 30 June 2023	11,457,006	5,281,146	13,621,226	26,387,668	3,543,517	15,151,831	1,541,001	10,572	76,993,967

For the year ended 30 June 2022, development fund of HK\$2,100,000 was transferred to the administration fund upon the directors' approval dated 17 June 2022. Note:

SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		HK\$	HK\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
(Deficit)/surplus before tax		(5,575,463)	366,487
Adjustments for:			
Interest on lease liabilities		20,134	7,672
Interest on secured bank borrowing		85,229	50,711
Depreciation of investment properties	18	307,738	307,738
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	19	782,914	578,106
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	20	489,911	360,278
Dividend income	9	-	(17,250)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	-	(4,050,000)
Fair value gain on financial assets at FVTPL	10	-	(17,500)
Interest income	9	(1,116,991)	(708,147)
interest meeme	-		
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		(5,006,528)	(3,121,905)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments, other receivables		(-).	
and deposits		71,456	(71,376)
Increase in other payables and accruals		19,834	33,484
Increase in deferred income		410,678	84,545
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVTPL		=	1,175,000
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Cash wood in anarotions		(4,504,560)	(1,900,252)
Cash used in operations Interest on secured bank borrowing		(85,229)	(50,711)
		(20,134)	(7,672)
Interest on lease liabilities	12	(20,154)	(7,072)
NI-t and in amounting nativities		(4,609,923)	(1,958,635)
Net cash used in operating activities	7.5	(1,00),720)	(2,500,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
	9	_	17,250
Dividends received	9	1,116,991	708,147
Interest received	,	1,110,221	700,117
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and		_	4,050,000
equipment		(131,836)	(13,627,514)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	27(b)	(131,030)	(6,930,333)
Purchases of investment properties		-	(20,405)
Payments for right-of-use assets	27(b)	-	(20,403)
Placement in bank deposits with maturity over three		(E 000 000)	(1.044.504)
months		(5,000,000)	(1,044,504)
Repayment of bank deposits with maturity over three		1.044.504	1 0/2 972
months		1,044,504	1,042,873
		(3.070.3.41)	(15 004 406)
Net cash used in investing activities	100	(2,970,341)	(15,804,486)

SOWERS ACTION 苗圃行動 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 HK\$	<u>2022</u> HK\$
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Secured bank borrowing raised Repayment of secured bank borrowing Principal elements of lease payments	27(a) 27(a) 27(a)	(115,624) (499,514)	3,040,000 (116,112) (360,828)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(615,138)	2,563,060
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		(8,195,402) 61,717,159	(15,200,061) 76,917,220
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	22	53,521,757	61,717,159

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Hong Kong. The registered office and principal place of operations of the Company is located at Unit 03, 12/F, Block C, Hong Kong Industrial Centre, 489-491 Castle Peak Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The Company was engaged in funds raising to support the operations of the education program and livelihood needs around the world.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"). HKFRSs comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"); Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS"); and Interpretations. These financial statements also comply with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). Significant accounting policies adopted by the Company are disclosed below.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Company. Note 3 provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Company for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

(a) Application of new and revised HKFRSs

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Company.

None of these developments have had a material effect on how the Company's results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented. The Company has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (CONT'D)

(b) New and revised HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Company has not applied any amendments to standards and interpretation that have been issued but are not yet effective for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022. These amendments to standards and interpretation include the following which may be relevant to the Company.

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to HKAS 1 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 1 - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 - Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 8 - Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 12 - Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKFRS 16 - Lease Liability in a Sales and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) Presentation of Financial Statements - Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause	1 January 2024

The Company is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments and interpretation is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless mentioned otherwise in the accounting policies below (e.g. financial assets at FVTPL that are measured at fair value).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The area where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements is disclosed in note 5.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

(a) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances in financial statements

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency on initial recognition using the exchange rates prevailing on the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the end of each reporting period. Gains and losses resulting from this translation policy are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. The transaction date is the date on which the Company initially recognises such non-monetary assets or liabilities. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rates at the dates when the fair values are determined.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Foreign currency translation (cont'd)

(ii) Transactions and balances in financial statements (cont'd)

When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in other comprehensive income, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income. When a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in surplus or deficit, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognised in surplus or deficit.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are held for administrative purposes. Property, plant and equipment are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

For ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the leasehold land and building elements are allocated in proportion to the relative fair values unless such allocation cannot be made reliably, in which case, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised in surplus or deficit during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated at rates sufficient to write off their cost less their residual values over the estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. The useful lives are as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings Leasehold improvements Furniture and equipment Over the lease terms
The shorter of the lease terms or 5 years
2 - 4 years

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

The gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset, and is recognised in surplus or deficit.

(c) Investment properties

Investment properties are land and/or buildings which are owned or held under a leasehold interest to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. After initial recognition, investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost to the residual value over the lease terms.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is withdrawn from use. Any gain or loss on disposal of an investment property is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the property, and is recognised in surplus or deficit. Rental income from investment properties is accounted for as described in note 4(1).

(d) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(d) Leases (cont'd)

(i) The Company as a lessee

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and non-lease component(s), the Company has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for each lease component and any associated non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases.

At the lease commencement date, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, except for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. When the Company enters into a lease in respect of a low-value asset the Company decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis. The lease payments associated with those leases which are not capitalised are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension option are also included in the measurement of the lease liability. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and hence are charged to surplus or deficit in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

(d) Leases (cont'd)

(i) The Company as a lessee (cont'd)

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Company:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the Company as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Company, which does not have recent third-party financing, and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security.

If a readily observable amortising loan rate is available to the Company (through recent financing or market data) which has a similar payment profile to the lease, then the Company use that rate as a starting point to determine the incremental borrowing rate.

The right-of-use asset recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, and any initial direct costs incurred. Where applicable, the cost of the right-of-use assets also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, discounted to their present value, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets in which the Company is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term are depreciated from commencement date to the end of the useful life. Otherwise, right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

(d) Leases (cont'd)

(i) The Company as a lessee (cont'd)

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Company will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in surplus or deficit if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

(ii) The Company as a lessor

When the Company acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of an underlying assets to the lessee. If this is not the case, the lease is classified as an operating lease.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(e) Recognition and derecognition of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

The Company derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in surplus or deficit.

(f) Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace. All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Financial assets (cont'd)

Financial assets held by the Company are classified into one of the following measurement categories:

- At amortised cost, if the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows which represent solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Interest income from the financial asset is calculated using the effective interest method.
- Financial assets as FVTPL are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

An investment in equity securities is classified as FVTPL unless the equity investment is not held for trading purposes and on initial recognition of the investment the Company makes an election to designate the investment at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") (non-recycling) such that subsequent changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income. Such elections are made on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but may only be made if the investment meets the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective. Where such an election is made, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income remains in the fair value reserve (non-recycling) until the investment is disposed of. At the time of disposal, the amount accumulated in the fair value reserve (non-recycling) is transferred to funds. It is not recycled through surplus or deficit. Dividends from an investment in equity securities, irrespective of whether classified as at FVTPL or FVTOCI, are recognised in surplus or deficit as other income.

(g) Other receivables

A receivable is recognised when the Company has an unconditional right to receive consideration. A right to receive consideration is unconditional if only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due.

Receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The Company holds the receivables with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method less allowance for credit losses.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity at acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are assessed for expected credit losses ("ECL").

(i) Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument under HKFRSs. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. The accounting policies adopted for specific financial liabilities and equity instruments are set out below.

(i) Borrowing

Borrowing is recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in surplus or deficit over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowing is classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

(k) Other payables

Other payables are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(1) Revenue and other income

Donations are recognised on a cash basis in the period in which the donations are received.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method. For financial assets measured at amortised cost that are not credit-impaired, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset. For credit impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost (i.e. gross carrying amount net of loss allowance) of the asset.

Dividend income is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment are established.

Subscription fee income is recognised on a cash basis in the period in which the subscription fee is received.

Rental income receivable under operating leases is recognised in surplus or deficit in equal instalments over the periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the use of the leased asset. Lease incentives granted are recognised in surplus or deficit as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments receivable. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as income in the accounting period in which they are earned.

(m) Deferred income

Contribution (not including donations for education) received prior to the commencement and completion of a project is deferred. Upon completion of the project, the contribution net of related expenses incurred for the project is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

Long March for Education Project is an activity jointly hosted by the Company and China Youth Development Foundation. The income or expenditure arising from contribution for administrative expenditure and the related administrative expenses incurred prior to the completion of this activity is deferred and will be recognised to surplus or deficit when activity is completed.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(n) Employee benefits

(i) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long service leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave and long service leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of reporting period.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

(ii) Pension obligations

The Company contributes to defined contribution retirement schemes which are available to all employees. Contributions to the schemes by the Company and employees are calculated as a percentage of employees' basic salaries. The retirement benefit scheme cost charged to surplus or deficit represents contributions payable by the Company to the funds.

(iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised at the earlier of the dates when the Company can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits, and when the Company recognises restructuring costs and involves the payment of termination benefits.

(o) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

(o) Borrowing costs (cont'd)

To the extent that funds are borrowed generally and used for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset, the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation is determined by applying a capitalisation rate to the expenditures on that asset. The capitalisation rate is the weighted average of the borrowing costs applicable to the borrowings of the Company that are outstanding during the period, other than borrowings made specifically for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset. Any specific borrowing that remain outstanding after the related asset is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalisation rate on general borrowings.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they are incurred.

(p) Government grants

A government grant is recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the Company will comply with the conditions attaching to it and that the grant will be received.

Government grants relating to income are deferred and recognised in surplus or deficit over the period to match them with the costs they are intended to compensate.

Government grants that become receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Company with no future related costs are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they become receivable.

(q) Fund movement

The Company has chosen to present the results and financial position of the Company attributable to different funds as follows.

Chinese education fund

The purpose of the Chinese education fund is to support and finance the development of the education and children welfare program in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(q) Fund movement (cont'd)

Administration fund

The purpose of the administration fund is to finance the operational costs of the Company.

Development fund

The purpose of the development fund is to finance the development of the education and children welfare program in the PRC or elsewhere and the administrative expenditure of the Company.

Overseas fund

The purpose of the overseas fund is to support and finance the development of the education and children welfare program in overseas.

Disaster relief fund

The purpose of the disaster relief fund is to finance the urgent needs during the natural disaster in the PRC or elsewhere.

Project fund

The purpose of the project fund is to support and finance the development of education and children welfare program.

Perpetual education aid fund

The purpose of the perpetual education aid fund is to accumulate and apply its investment income or interest to support and finance students in the PRC or elsewhere to pursue study.

Perpetual operation fund

The purpose of the perpetual operation fund is to accumulate and apply its investment income or interest for financing any recurring or re-accruing expenditure of the Company and any other costs that are directly or indirectly required to maintain the daily operation and the existence of the Company.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(q) Fund movement (cont'd)

Operational costs

Operational costs represent the administration costs; fund raising costs; program implementation costs and other costs of the Company, which are financed by the administration funds.

Administration costs include the expenditure of the executive officers; the finance and administration department; human resources and information technology support; lease payment and related expenses of the head office; and general expenses and indirect costs.

Fund raising costs include the expenditure of the communications and fund raising department; costs relating to fund raising events; publicity and maintenance of the Company's web page.

Program implementation costs include the expenditure of the mainland office and the project funding department; travelling subsides to work group and other program implementation costs. The cost of HK\$567,098 (2022: HK\$755,848) was included in the projects cost.

(r) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date for indications of impairment and where an asset is impaired, it is written down as an expense through the statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income to its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. If this is the case, recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Recoverable amount is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal of the individual asset or the cash-generating unit.

Value in use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows of the asset/cash-generating unit. Present values are computed using pre-tax discount rates that reflect the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset/cash-generating unit whose impairment is being measured.

Impairment losses for cash-generating units are allocated pro rata amongst the assets of the cash-generating unit. Subsequent increases in the recoverable amount caused by changes in estimates are credited to surplus or deficit to the extent that they reverse the impairment.

(s) Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises a loss allowance for ECL on all financial assets that are measured at amortised cost. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Company recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Company considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Company's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organisations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Company's core operations.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(s) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Significant increase in credit risk (cont'd)

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular financial instrument;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Company presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Company has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- (i) the financial instrument has a low risk of default,
- (ii) the debtor has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and
- (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

(s) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Significant increase in credit risk (cont'd)

The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has external credit rating of "investment grade" in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of "performing". Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there are no past due amounts.

The Company regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

Definition of default

The Company considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that receivables that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable.

- when there is a breach of financial covenants by the counterparty; or
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Company, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Company).

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Company considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Company has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

(s) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the counterparty;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- the lender(s) of the counterparty, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the counterparty's financial difficulty, having granted to the counterparty a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- it is becoming probable that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Write-off policy

The Company writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, including when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Company's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date.

For financial assets, the ECL is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

(s) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Measurement and recognition of ECL (cont'd)

If the Company has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Company measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

The Company recognises an impairment gain or loss in surplus or deficit for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

(t) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditures expected to settle the obligation. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow is remote.

(u) Events after the reporting period

Events after the reporting period that provide additional information about the Company's position at the end of the reporting period are adjusting events and are reflected in the financial statements. Events after the reporting period that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements when material.

5. CRITICAL JUDGEMENTS AND KEY ESTIMATES

In applying the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 4, the directors are required to make judgements (other than those involving estimations) that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised and to make estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

Impairment of investment properties, property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

Investment properties, property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment, if any. In determining whether an asset is impaired, the Company has to exercise judgement and make estimation, particularly in assessing: (1) whether an event has occurred or any indicators that may affect the asset value; (2) whether the carrying value of an asset can be supported by the recoverable amount, in the case of value in use, the net present value of future cash flows which are estimated based upon the continued use of the asset; and (3) the appropriate key assumptions to be applied in estimating the recoverable amounts including cash flow projections and an appropriate discount rate. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset (including right-of-use assets), the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Changing the assumptions and estimates, including the discount rates or the growth rate in the cash flow projections, could materially affect the recoverable amounts.

The carrying amount of investment properties, property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets as at 30 June 2023 were HK\$7,360,068 (2022: HK\$7,667,806), HK\$14,312,865 (2022: HK\$14,963,943) and HK\$435,903 (2022: HK\$\$866,783) respectively.

6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: foreign currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

(i) Foreign currency risk

The Company has minimal exposure to foreign currency risk as most of its business transactions, assets and liabilities are principally denominated in HK\$ and Renminbi ("RMB"). The Company currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy in respect of foreign currency transactions, assets and liabilities. The Company monitors its foreign currency exposure closely and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

At 30 June 2023, if RMB had weakened 5% (2022: 5%) against HK\$ with all other variables held constant, deficit (2022: surplus) for the year would have been HK\$1,938,872 (2022: HK\$2,117,424) higher (2022: lower), arising mainly as a result of the net foreign exchange loss on bank balances denominated in RMB. There would be an equal and opposite impact on deficit (2022: surplus) for the year if RMB had strengthened 5% (2022: 5%) against HK\$.

(ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument, leading to a financial loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks. The Company's exposure to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-rating assigned by international credit-rating agencies, for which the Company considers to have low credit risk.

All of the Company's financial assets measured at amortised cost are considered to have low credit risk, and the loss allowance recognised during the period was therefore limited to 12-month expected losses. They are considered to be low credit risk when they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

Financial assets at amortised cost include deposits and other receivables and bank and cash balances.

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6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

(iii) Liquidity risk

The Company's policy is to regularly monitor current and expected liquidity requirements to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The maturity analysis based on contractual undiscounted cash flows of the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities is as follows:

	Less than 1 year and on demand HK\$	Between 1 and 2 years HK\$	Total HK\$
30 June 2023 Other payables and accruals Secured bank borrowing (note) Lease liabilities	132,834 2,808,264 415,149	-	132,834 2,808,264 415,149
30 June 2022 Other payables and accruals Secured bank borrowing (note) Lease liabilities	113,000 2,923,888 489,500	385,000	113,000 2,923,888 874,500

Note: Secured bank borrowing with a repayment on demand clause is included in the 'Less than 1 year and on demand' time band in the above maturity analysis. Taking into account the Company's financial position, the directors do not believe that it is probable that the bank will exercise its discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The directors believe that such secured bank borrowing will be repaid in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreement.

The maturity analysis of secured bank borrowing subject to a repayment on demand clause based on scheduled repayments is as follows:

	Less than 1 year HK\$	Between 1 and 2 years HK\$	Between 2 and 5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	Total
At 30 June 2023 Secured bank borrowing	180,816	180,816	542,448	2,127,481	3,031,561
At 30 June 2022 Secured bank borrowing	180,816	180,816	542,448	2,547,675	3,451,755

6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES (CONT'D)

(iv) Interest rate risk

The Company's cash flow interest rate risk primarily relates to variable-rate bank deposits and bank borrowing. It is the Company's policy to keep its bank deposits and borrowing at floating rate of interest so as to minimise the fair value interest rate risk. The Company currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, management monitors interest rate exposure closely and will consider other necessary action when significant interest rate exposure is anticipated.

The effect of changes in interest rates is not significant to the financial statements. The Company has no other significant interest-bearing assets and liabilities except for bank deposits and bank borrowing, the Company's surplus and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

(v) Capital policy

The Company is incorporated in Hong Kong as a limited company without a share capital. It is a tax-exempt charity recognised by the Inland Revenue Department. Its constitution prohibits the payment of remuneration to its directors, and the distribution of its surplus and assets to its members.

The Company manages its general operating fund and designated funds so as to (i) fulfill its commitments to relief and community development ministries, (ii) support its own long-term development, and (iii) meet short-term cash flow requirements.

A summary of the general operating fund and designated funds is set out in the statement of changes in funds on page 11.

(vi) Categories of financial instruments at 30 June 2023

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Financial assets: Financial assets at amortised cost	59,130,896	63,440,831
Financial liabilities: Financial liabilities at amortised cost	2,941,098	3,036,888

FUND MOVEMENT 7.

				Year ended 30 June 2023	10 June 2023				
	Chinese			(:		Perpetual	Perpetual	
	education	Administration	Development	Overseas	Disaster relief	Project fund	education aid	operation	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Income									
Donations	,	1,198,344	1		ŧ	12,088,641		ı	13,286,985
Other income	ı	699,535	1,116,991	1	1	1	•	1	1,816,526
Other gains and losses, net	(347,116)	(354,736)	(337,221)	(670,650)	(650,06)	(556,829)	(40,043)	(269)	(2,396,923)
	(347,116)	1,543,143	779,770	(670,650)	(90,029)	11,531,812	(40,043)	(269)	12,706,588
Expenditure									
Administration	,	(2,406,484)	(505,410)	•		(458.150)	(57,998)	ı	(3.428,042)
Fund raising	ı	(931,951)		,	,		ı	,	(931,951)
Projects	(2,309,356)	(533,675)		•		(10,973,664)	,		(13,816,695)
Interest on secured bank borrowing		(85,229)		,	,				(85,229)
Interest on lease liabilities		(243)	,	1		(19,891)			(20,134)
	(2,309,356)	(3,957,582)	(505,410)			(11,451,705)	(846,75)		(18,282,051)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(2,656,472)	(2,414,439)	274,360	(670,650)	(90,059)	80,107	(98,041)	(269)	(5,575,463)

FUND MOVEMENT (CONT'D) ۲.

	Total	HK\$	19,122,286	2,970,224	23,251,079	(3,031,673) (804,686) (18,989,850) (50,711) (7,672)	(22,884,592)	366,487
	Perpetual operation fund	HK\$	3	(142)	(142)	,		(142)
	Perpetual education aid fund	HK\$	006,9	(13,036)	(6,136)	(51,836)	(53,658)	(59,794)
022	Project fund	HK\$	15,369,447	(537,983)	14,831,464	(38,179)	(12,282,251)	2,549,213
Year ended 30 June 2022	Disaster relief fund	HK\$		(47,455)	(47,455)			(47,455)
	Development fund	HK\$	718,497	3,817,185	4,535,682	(516,947)	(519,917)	4,015,765
	Administration fund	HK\$	1,843,500 433,172	(73,762)	2,202,910	(2,424,711) (804,686) (709,912) (50,711) (5,379)	(3,995,399)	(1,792,489)
	Chinese education fund	HK\$	1,909,339	(174,583)	1,734,756	(6,033,367)	(6,033,367)	(4,298,611)
			Income Donations Other income	Other gains and losses, net		Expenditure Administration Fund raising Projects Interest on secured bank borrowing Interest on lease liabilities		(Deficit)/surplus for the year

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8. INCOME

Income represented donations received from various fundraising projects during the year.

For the period from 5 January 2022 to 12 January 2022, the Company held a public fund-raising activity under Section 4(17)(i), Summary Offences Ordinance, Cap. 228 and was approved by the Social Welfare Department with public subscription permit number 2022/001/01. The Company received gross proceed of HK\$9,053 with Nil expenditure for the purpose of community development.

9. **OTHER INCOME**

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Bank interest income Dividend income Government grants (note) Rental income from investment properties (note 28) Subscription fee income Others	1,116,991 - 323,575 330,000 45,960 - 1,816,526	708,147 17,250 72,000 315,500 41,220 4,452 1,158,569

Note: During the year, the Company recognised government grants of HK\$143,200 (2022: HK\$72,000) in respect of COVID-19 related subsidies relates to Employment Support Scheme and HK\$180,375 (2022: HK\$Nil), in respect of developing the Company fundraising website platform, from the Technology Voucher Programme under Innovation and Technology Fund provided by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies related to these subsidies.

10. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES, NET

OTHER GAINS AND EOSSES, NET	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Net foreign exchange losses Fair value gain on financial assets at FVTPL Gain on disposal of property, plant and	(2,396,923)	(1,097,276) 17,500
equipment (note)	_	4,050,000
	(2,396,923)	2,970,224

Note: For the year ended 30 June 2022, the Company disposed of a commercial property used for storage purpose which was written off during the year ended 30 June 2005.

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11. ADMINISTRATION

This represents all executive, organisational, and clerical costs incurred for common objectives that benefit multiple functions administered by the Company, or the Company as a whole.

12. FUND RAISING

This represents all costs associated with acquiring and retaining donors to make voluntary contributions to the Company.

13. PROJECTS

This represents funds used to promote awareness on social, economic and spiritual factors of developing areas in PRC or elsewhere and the details as below:

2023 HK\$	<u>2022</u> HK\$
5,540,690 567,098	1,342,155 752,463
-	6,095,340 4,014,633
2,640,302	1,783,375
	5,001,884 18,989,850
	HK\$ 5,540,690 567,098 - 3,917,324

14. (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

The Company's (deficit)/surplus for the year is stated at after charging the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	HK\$	HK\$
Auditor's remuneration	60,000	58,000
Depreciation of investment properties	307,738	307,738
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	782,914	578,106
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	489,911	360,278
Direct operating expenses arising from rental-earning		
investment properties	46,337	39,663
Expenses relating to short-term leases	98,772	227,158
Staff costs	2,468,749	2,286,576

15. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Employee benefits expense:		
Salaries, bonuses and allowances		4 040 004
Administration	1,237,318	1,019,921
Fund raising	700,426	600,638
Projects	404,134	535,413
	2,341,878	2,155,972
Retirement benefit contributions:		
Administration	57,875	43,002
Fund raising	40,286	38,287
Projects	28,710	49,315
	126,871	130,604
Total	2,468,749	2,286,576

16. **DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS**

No emoluments were paid or receivable in respect of the services as directors or the other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company to the directors during the year (2022: Nil).

17. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Company is an approved charitable institution within the meaning of Section 88 of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance (Chapter 112) and, accordingly, is exempted from Hong Kong profits tax.

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18. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	HK\$
Cost At 1 July 2021 Addition	7,975,543
At 30 June 2022, 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	7,975,544
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 July 2021 Charge for the year	307,738
At 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 Charge for the year	307,738 307,738
At 30 June 2023	615,476
Net carrying amount	
At 30 June 2023	7,360,068
At 30 June 2022	7,667,806

The investment properties consist of one residential property and one commercial property located in Hong Kong and the commercial property has (2022: the commercial and the residential property had) been leased out to earn rental income to subsidies the daily operations of the Company.

The fair value of the investment properties at 30 June 2023 were HK\$12,902,220 (2022: HK\$14,519,920). The valuation was determined by the directors with reference to recent market transactions of similar properties in similar locations and conditions. There has been no change of the valuation technique used in the prior year. In estimating the highest and best use of the property is their current use.

At 30 June 2023, the carrying amount of an investment property pledged as security for the Company's bank borrowing amounted to HK\$7,360,067 (2022: HK\$7,667,805).

19. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold land and buildings HK\$	Leasehold improvements HK\$	Furniture and equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
Cost At 1 July 2021 Additions Written off	14,595,727	302,147 790,350 (302,147)	748,716 122,937 (531,317)	1,050,863 15,509,014 (833,464)
At 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 Additions	14,595,727	790,350 131,836	340,336	15,726,413
At 30 June 2023	14,595,727	922,186	340,336	15,858,249
Accumulated depreciation At 1 July 2021 Charge for the year Written off	470,830	302,147 46,255 (302,147)	715,681 61,021 (531,317)	1,017,828 578,106 (833,464)
At 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 Charge for the year	470,830 564,995	46,255 184,437	245,385 33,482	762,470 782,914
At 30 June 2023	1,035,825	230,692	278,867	1,545,384
Net carrying amount				
At 30 June 2023	13,559,902	691,494	61,469	14,312,865
At 30 June 2022	14,124,897	744,095	94,951	14,963,943

20. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Office
	premises
	HK\$
At 1 July 2021	348,941
Addition	878,120
Depreciation	(360,278)
At 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022	866,783
Addition	59,031
Depreciation	(489,911)
At 30 June 2023	435,903

20. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONT'D)

Lease liabilities of HK\$408,489 (2022: HK\$848,972) are recognised with related right-of-use assets of HK\$435,903 (2022: HK\$866,783) as at 30 June 2023. The lease agreement does not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased asset that are held by the lessor. Leased properties may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Depreciation expenses on right-of-use assets	489,911	360,278
Interest expense on lease liabilities	20,134	7,672
Expenses relating to short-term leases	98,772	227,158

Details of total cash outflow for leases is set out in note 27(b).

For both years, the Company leases various offices for its operations. Lease contract is entered into for a fixed term of 2 to 3 years. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Company applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

21. PREPAYMENTS, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND DEPOSITS

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Included in current assets: Prepayments Deposits Other receivables	137,854 471,285	1,427 257,353 421,815
	609,139	680,595

The financial assets included in the above balances relate to receivables for which there were no recent history of default and past due amounts. As at 30 June 2023 and 2022, the loss allowance was assessed to be minimal.

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22. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Fixed deposits Cash and bank balances	47,261,608 6,260,149	46,428,100 15,289,059
	53,521,757	61,717,159

Fixed deposits include deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. The deposits carry interest at prevailing market rate ranging from 1.75% to 4.4% (2022: 0.01% to 2%) per annum.

At the end of the reporting period, the fixed deposits and cash and bank balances of the Company denominated in RMB amounted to HK\$38,338,333 (2022: HK\$42,348,481). Conversion of RMB into foreign currencies is subject to the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations.

The bank balances are deposited with licensed banks with no recent history of default.

23. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	<u>2023</u> HK\$	2022 HK\$
Other payables Accruals	71,968 60,866	55,000 58,000
	132,834	113,000

Other payables are non-interest-bearing and repayable on demand.

24. **DEFERRED INCOME**

The balance represents the projects funds received for which the projects not yet completed and related expenditure has not yet been undertaken. The increase in deferred income in 2023 was mainly due to the increase in activities organised during the year.

The following table shows the amounts of donations recognised in the current reporting period that were included in the deferred income at the beginning of the reporting period:

		2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
	Donations	215,973	90,173
25.	SECURED BANK BORROWING		
		2023 HK\$	<u>2022</u> HK\$
	Mortgage loan	2,808,264	2,923,888
	The borrowing is repayable as follows:		
	Within one year More than one year, but not exceeding two years More than two years, but not more than five years More than five years	131,759 134,260 417,178 2,125,067 2,808,264	129,748 132,013 410,719 2,251,408 2,923,888

The 20-year mortgage loan containing a repayment on demand clause is repayable on demand and carries interest at a rate of 1.7% per annum over 1-month Hong Kong Interbank Offer Rate.

The secured bank borrowing is secured by a charge over the Company's investment property as disclosed in note 18.

26. LEASE LIABILITIES

	Minimum lease payments		Present value of lease pay	
	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Within one year More than one year, but not exceeding two	415,149	489,500	408,489	469,573
years		385,000		379,399
	415,149	874,500	408,489	848,972
Less: Future finance charges	(6,660)	(25,528)	N/A	N/A
Present value of lease obligations	408,489	848,972	408,489	848,972
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)			(408,489)	(469,573)
Amount due for settlement after 12 months				379,399

The weighted average incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities range from 1.58% to 4.3% (2022: 1.58% to 3.21%).

27. NOTES TO STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Company's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Company's statement of cash flows from financing activities.

	1 July 2022 HK\$	Cash flows HK\$	Addition of lease HK\$	30 June 2023 HK\$
Secured bank borrowing Lease liabilities	2,923,888 848,972	(115,624) (499,514)	59,031	2,808,264 408,489
	3,772,860	(615,138)	59,031	3,216,753
	1 July 2021 HK\$	Cash flows HK\$	Addition of lease HK\$	30 June 2022 HK\$
Secured bank borrowing Lease liabilities	269,585	2,923,888 (360,828)	940,215	2,923,888 848,972
	269,585	2,563,060	940,215	3,772,860

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Total cash outflow for leases (b)

Amounts included in the statement of cash flows for leases comprise the following:

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Within operating cash flows Within investing cash flows Within financing cash flows	118,906 - 499,514	234,830 6,950,738 360,828
William manonig easi news	618,420	7,546,396
These amounts relate to the following:		
	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Lease rental paid Payments for right-of-use assets Purchases of investment properties	618,420	595,658 20,405 6,930,333

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Operating leases relate to the investment properties (note 18) owned by the Company with lease term of 2 years. The lessee does not have an option to purchase the property at the expiry of the lease period.

Minimum lease payments receivable on lease are as follows:

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Within one year	82,500	137,500
The following table presents the amounts reported in	surplus or deficit:	
	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Lease income on operating leases (note 9)	330,000	315,500

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29. **COMMITMENTS**

Commitments contracted for at the end of the reporting period but not yet incurred are as follows:

	2023 HK\$	2022 HK\$
Commitments to contribute funds to the Education Programs	9,790,660	10,731,201

30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The remuneration of members of key management during the year was as follows:

	<u>2023</u> HK\$	2022 HK\$
Short-term employee benefits Post-employment benefits	1,138,400 36,000	1,112,650 36,000
	1,174,400_	1,148,650