# Subsidized Schools Provident Fund Financial Bulletin for the Quarter Ended 31 August 2022

### **Key Financial Data**

|                                      |                | Quarter ended<br>31.8.2022 | Quarter ended<br><u>31.5.2022</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Contributors' Account (HK\$ million) | (a)            | 78,607                     | 78,169                            |
| Net Assets (HK\$ million)            | (b)            | 89,590                     | 92,335                            |
| Asset cover (%)                      | (b) / (a) *100 | 114.0                      | 118.1                             |

#### **Market Commentaries**

- The US Federal Reserve substantially raised interest rate by 0.75% in June and July 2022 respectively. Due to the surge in the USD, the HKD rallied against major currencies. Amid slow economic growth, persistently high inflation and tightened monetary policy, global investment markets generally decreased during the quarter.
- The US 10-year Government bond yield increased from around 2.8% by the end of May 2022 to around 3.2% by the end of August 2022.
- For the quarter ended 31 August 2022, the Hang Seng index decreased by about 6.8% from 21,415 as at the end of May 2022 to 19,954 by the end of August 2022, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index decreased by about 4.5% from 32,990 to 31,510 during the same period.

#### Changes of Key Market Indicators In Percentage

|                | Currency<br>(Change vs. HKD) | Equity<br>(in original currency) | Bond<br>(in original currency) |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hong Kong      | N/A                          | -6.82                            | -1.77                          |
| USA            | +0.04                        | -4.29                            | -1.87                          |
| Canada         | -3.38                        | -6.75                            | -1.37                          |
| UK             | -7.63                        | -4.25                            | -7.97                          |
| Germany        | -6.09                        | -10.80                           | -2.55                          |
| Japan          | -7.16                        | +2.98                            | -0.81                          |
| Australia      | -4.39                        | -3.07                            | -0.86                          |
| Mainland China | -3.35                        | +0.49                            | +1.59                          |

## **Major Investment Activities During The Quarter**

| Hong Kong equities                | Maintained |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Hong Kong and RMB debt securities | Maintained |
| Overseas equities                 | Maintained |
| Overseas debt securities          | Maintained |
| Cash and net accounts receivable  | Maintained |

#### **Net Asset Allocation In Value**

|  | 31.8.2022<br>(HK\$ million) | 31.5.2022<br><u>(HK\$ million)</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong equities (HKE)                     | 14,792                      | 15,703                             |
| Hong Kong and RMB debt securities (HK/RMBDS) | 14,871                      | 15,130                             |
| Overseas equities (OE)                       | 31,779                      | 33,397                             |
| Overseas debt securities (ODS)               | 11,465                      | 11,920                             |
| Cash and net accounts receivable (CH/NAR)    | 16,683                      | 16,185                             |
|  | 89,590                      | 92,335                             |

## **Net Asset Allocation In Percentage**

