

Grant Schools Provident Fund
Financial Bulletin for the Quarter Ended 28 February 2018

Key Financial Data

| | | Quarter ended <u>28.2.2018</u> | Quarter ended <u>30.11.2017</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Contributors' Account (HK\$ million) | (a) | 3,028 | 3,009 |
| Net Assets (HK\$ million) | (b) | 3,724 | 3,623 |
| Asset cover (%) | (b) / (a) * 100 | 123.0 | 120.4 |

Market Commentaries

- The US Federal Reserve raised interest rate by 0.25% in December 2017, which was in line with the market expectation. US dollar remained weak during the quarter.
- On market expectation of higher global inflation, the yield for the US 10-year Government bond increased to about 2.8% by end of February 2018, and global bond prices decreased in general.
- For the quarter ended 28 February 2018, the Hong Kong stock market continued to increase, Hang Seng index increased by about 5.7% from 29,177 as at end of November 2017 to 30,844 by end of February 2018. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index also increased by about 3.1% from 24,272 to 25,029 during the same period, and reached historical high of 26,616 in January 2018, whereas other stock markets decreased.

Changes of Key Market Indicators In Percentage

| | Currency <u>(Change vs. HKD)</u> | Equity <u>(in original currency)</u> | Bond <u>(in original currency)</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong | N/A | +5.71 | -0.37 |
| USA | +0.19 | +2.50 | -1.78 |
| Canada | +0.74 | -3.89 | -1.17 |
| UK | +1.98 | -1.29 | -0.35 |
| Germany | +2.49 | -4.52 | -1.38 |
| Japan | +5.08 | -2.89 | +0.37 |
| Australia | +2.85 | +0.99 | -0.95 |
| Mainland China | +5.24 | -1.74 | N/A |

Major Investment Activities During The Quarter

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| Hong Kong equities | Reduced for asset re-balancing purpose |
| Hong Kong debt securities | Maintained |
| Overseas equities | Maintained |
| Overseas debt securities | Added for asset re-balancing purpose |
| Cash and net accounts receivable | Maintained |

Net Asset Allocation In Value

| | 28.2.2018 (HK\$ million) | 30.11.2017 (HK\$ million) |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hong Kong equities (HKE) | 738 | 785 |
| Hong Kong debt securities (HKDS) | 539 | 541 |
| Overseas equities (OE) | 1,259 | 1,227 |
| Overseas debt securities (ODS) | 599 | 562 |
| Cash and net accounts receivable (CH/NAR) | 589 | 508 |
| | <u>3,724</u> | <u>3,623</u> |

Net Asset Allocation In Percentage

