# Subsidized Schools Provident Fund Financial Bulletin for the Quarter Ended 28 February 2017

## **Key Financial Data**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Contributors' Account (HK\$ million) | (a)            | 66,629                     | 66,011                             |
| Net Assets (HK\$ million)            | (b)            | 74,896                     | 71,407                             |
| Asset cover (%)                      | (b) / (a) *100 | 112.4                      | 108.2                              |

#### **Market Commentaries**

- The US Federal Reserve raised interest rate by 0.25% in December 2016. Market reaction was mild as the rate increase had already been anticipated.
- The US presidential election result in November 2016 surprised the market. However, the equity market went up afterwards on expectation of some policy initiatives of the new government such as tax cuts and infrastructure spending, and positive sentiment of economic data.
- For the quarter ended 28 February 2017, Hang Seng Index increased by about 4.2% from 22,790 as at end of November 2016 to 23,741 by end of February 2017, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index increased by about 8.8% from 19,124 to 20,812 during the same period.

#### **Changes of Key Market Indicators In Percentage**

|                | Currency<br>(Change vs. HKD) | Equity (in original currency) | Bond (in original currency) |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hong Kong      | N/A                          | +4.17                         | -0.49                       |
| USA            | +0.08                        | +7.50                         | +0.61                       |
| Canada         | +1.60                        | +2.10                         | -0.45                       |
| UK             | -0.33                        | +7.07                         | +3.30                       |
| Germany        | +0.25                        | +11.22                        | +0.55                       |
| Japan          | +1.92                        | +4.43                         | -1.07                       |
| Australia      | +4.14                        | +4.70                         | +0.53                       |
| Mainland China | +0.76                        | -0.26                         | N/A                         |

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

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

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

|   | 28.2.2017<br>(HK\$ million) | 30.11.2016<br>(HK\$ million) |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hong Kong equities (HKE)                              | 15,063                      | 14,379                       |
| Hong Kong and offshore RMB debt securities (HK/RMBDS) | 12,792                      | 12,956                       |
| Overseas equities (OE)                                | 27,199                      | 25,102                       |
| Overseas debt securities (ODS)                        | 11,744                      | 11,654                       |
| Cash and net accounts receivable (CH/NAR)             | 8,098                       | 7,316                        |
|   | 74,896                      | 71,407                       |

# **Net Asset Allocation In Percentage**

