

# GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

## Report of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee on the Administration of the Fund for the year ended 31 August 2015

The Grantham Scholarships Fund (the Fund) was established in 1955 under the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance (Cap. 1076) to commemorate the governorship of Sir Alexander Grantham G.C.M.G. The objective of the Fund is to promote and encourage local education, and in particular to provide for persons residing in Hong Kong, scholarships and maintenance grants in primary schools, secondary schools, prevocational schools, technical schools and institutions of higher education in Hong Kong.

2. The Fund is managed by the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee constituted under Section 4 of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance. A list showing the membership of the Committee for the year under review is at Appendix I. Trust Funds and Temples Joint Secretariat is responsible for the secretarial and accounting work of the Fund. The Director of Audit is the auditor of the Fund's accounts.


3. In 2014-2015 the Fund had an income of HK\$10,676,466 (HK\$8,939,388 in 2013-2014), of which, HK\$3,313,148 represented the realized gains on disposal of equities and debt securities during the year. The total expenditure of the Fund was HK\$9,566,009. The audited Financial Statements for the year 2014-2015 is at Appendix II.

4. The Fund currently awards the Grantham Maintenance Grants and seven types of scholarships including the Grantham Scholars of the Year, scholarships to the Open University of Hong Kong, the Vocational Training Council, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Uniformed Youth Groups, Todd Memorial Scholarships and Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Award.

5. In the academic year 2014-2015, a total of HK\$6,374,005 was granted for scholarships and maintenance grants, a breakdown of which is as follows:-

		<u>HK\$</u>
(a)	1,628 Grantham Maintenance Grants awards	4,891,805
(b)	24 scholarships to the Grantham Scholars of the year	240,000
(c)	20 scholarships to the Open University of Hong Kong	200,000
(d)	135 scholarships to the Vocational Training Council	270,000
(e)	12 scholarships to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	235,200
(f)	26 Grantham Uniformed Youth Groups Outstanding Service Award	208,000
(g)	228 Todd Memorial Scholarships	136,000
(h)	85 Grantham Outstanding Student Athletes Award	193,000

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(Lau Kong-wah)

Secretary for Home Affairs

Chairman

Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee

14 December 2015

**GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND**

**Membership of the Committee  
(1.9.2014–31.8.2015)**

Secretary for Home Affairs	Chairman, Ex-officio
Permanent Secretary for Education	Ex-officio
Chairman, Board of Directors, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – Mr SZE Wing-hang Ms Maisy HO	Ex-officio  (up to 31.3.2015) (as from 1.4.2015)
Chairman, Board of Directors, Po Leung Kuk – Ms Angela LEONG Dr Pollyanna CHU	Ex-officio  (up to 31.3.2015) (as from 1.4.2015)
Ms CHEUNG Marn-kay, Katherine	
Dr CHIU Cheung-ki	(as from 1.7.2015)
Mr MOK Chung-fai, Rex, MH, JP	
Ms PONG Oi-lan, Scarlett, JP	
Mr WONG Kwan-yu, BBS, MH	(up to 30.6.2015)



## Grantham Scholarships Fund

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2015

# ***Report of the Director of Audit***



**Audit Commission**

**The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

## **Independent Audit Report**

### **To the Legislative Council**

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of the Grantham Scholarships Fund set out on pages 3 to 15, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 August 2015, and the income and expenditure account, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with section 10(1) of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance (Cap. 1076) and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with section 10(2) of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance and the Audit Commission auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of

the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Grantham Scholarships Fund as at 31 August 2015, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with section 10(1) of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance.



TEO Wing-on  
Principal Auditor  
for Director of Audit

14 December 2015


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# GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Available-for-sale financial assets	3	139,472,461	125,969,976
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Available-for-sale financial assets	3	-	6,948,657
Accounts receivable		897,921	884,367
Time deposits		72,281,172	15,378,155
Cash and cash equivalents	4	2,393,517	77,233,541
		75,572,610	100,444,720
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for staff gratuity	5	(63,969)	(93,986)
Provision for untaken leave		(4,888)	(3,368)
Accounts payable		(136,252)	(97,424)
		(205,109)	(194,778)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		75,367,501	100,249,942
		214,839,962	226,219,918
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>			
Capital		76,182,248	76,182,248
Accumulated surplus		63,880,582	62,770,125
Investment revaluation reserve		74,777,132	87,267,545
		214,839,962	226,219,918

The accompanying notes 1 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

  
 (Lau Kong-wah)  
 Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated  
 Trustee  
 Grantham Scholarships Fund  
 14 December 2015

# GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dividends		5,077,915	5,018,821
Interest	6	2,266,743	1,961,282
Gains on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		,942 3,313,148 ,149	1,942,149
Refund of grants		18,660	17,136
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		10,676,466	8,939,388
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Scholarships and maintenance grants		(6,374,005)	(6,615,880)
Staff costs		(748,869)	(641,859)
Other charges		(25,185)	(41,476)
Exchange losses		(2,417,950)	(294,728)
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		(9,566,009)	(7,593,943)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			
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		1,110,457	1,345,445
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# GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	1,110,457	1,345,445
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME</b>		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to surplus or deficit :		
Available-for-sale financial assets		
Fair value changes on revaluation	(12,484,071)	5,656,111
Reclassification adjustment released from investment revaluation reserve upon disposal	(6,342)	183,998
	(12,490,413)	5,840,109
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	(11,379,956) =====	7,185,554 =====

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# GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	<b>Capital HK\$</b>	<b>Accumulated Surplus HK\$</b>	<b>Investment Revaluation Reserve HK\$</b>	<b>Total HK\$</b>
Balance at 1 September 2013	76,182,248	61,424,680	81,427,436	219,034,364
Total comprehensive income for 2013-14	-	1,345,445	5,840,109	7,185,554
Balance at 31 August 2014	76,182,248	62,770,125	87,267,545	226,219,918
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for 2014-15	-	1,110,457	(12,490,413)	(11,379,956)
Balance at 31 August 2015	76,182,248	63,880,582	74,777,132	214,839,962
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**GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

	Note	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Surplus for the year		1,110,457	1,345,445
Dividends		(5,077,915)	(5,018,821)
Interest		(2,266,743)	(1,961,282)
Gains on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		(3,313,148)	(1,942,149)
(Increase) / Decrease in accounts receivable		(5,983)	469
(Decrease) / Increase in provision for staff gratuity		(30,017)	16,023
Increase / (Decrease) in provision for untaken leave		1,520	(6,441)
Increase in accounts payable		38,828	35,670
Exchange losses		2,417,950	294,728
<b>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>(7,125,051)</u>	<u>(7,236,358)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Acquisition of available-for-sale financial assets		(49,962,286)	-
Sale proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		34,232,627	25,883,468
Dividends received		5,072,843	5,244,973
Interest received		2,269,355	1,931,311
Increase of time deposit with original maturity over three months		(59,327,512)	(6,930,684)
<b>NET CASH (USED IN) / FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>(67,714,973)</u>	<u>26,129,068</u>
<b>NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		(74,840,024)	18,892,710
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		77,233,541	58,499,383
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-	(158,552)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	4	<u>2,393,517</u>	<u>77,233,541</u>

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# **GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. GENERAL**

The Grantham Scholarships Fund (the Fund) provides scholarships and maintenance grants for students in primary schools, secondary schools, pre-vocational schools, technical schools and institutions of higher education in Hong Kong in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance (Cap. 1076).

The address of the Fund's principal place of business is 34<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

### **2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 10(1) of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance and all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

#### **(b) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention except that available-for-sale financial assets are stated at fair value as explained in the accounting policy set out in note 2(d) below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. 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.

There are no critical accounting judgements involved in the application of the Fund's accounting policies. There are neither key assumptions concerning the future nor other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the next year.

**(c) Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs**

The Fund has adopted all new/revised HKFRSs which are effective and relevant to the Fund for the current accounting period.

The Fund has not early adopted any amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the current accounting period. The Fund is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments, new standards and interpretations is expected to be in the period of initial adoption. So far, it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Fund's result of operations and financial position.

**(d) Available-for-sale financial assets**

The Fund's available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets unless the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee (the Committee) intends to dispose of the investments within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date on which the Fund is committed to the transactions. Available-for-sale financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. At each balance sheet date, the fair value is re-measured and any unrealised holding gain or loss arising from the change in fair value is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in the investment revaluation reserve.

When available-for-sale financial assets are sold, gains or losses on disposal include the difference between the net sale proceeds and the carrying amount, as well as the accumulated fair value adjustments released from the investment revaluation reserve to the income and expenditure account.

The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid-prices.

The Fund assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. The cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in the income and expenditure account – is removed from the investment revaluation reserve and recognised in the income and expenditure account. Impairment losses in respect of available-for-sale debt securities are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Reversals of impairment losses for debt securities are recognised in the income and expenditure account. Impairment losses for equity securities are not reversed through the income and expenditure account. Any subsequent increase in the fair value of such assets is recognised in other comprehensive income.

**(e) Foreign currency translation**

Hong Kong dollar is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains and losses are dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

**(f) Revenue recognition**

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Dividend income is recognised when the Fund's right to receive payment is established.

**(g) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity when acquired.

**3. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	<b>2015 HK\$</b>	<b>2014 HK\$</b>
Equity Securities		
Listed in Hong Kong	139,472,461	125,969,976
Debt Securities		
Listed in Hong Kong	-	6,948,657
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Fair value at end of year	139,472,461 =====	132,918,633 =====
Classified as :		
Non-current assets	139,472,461	125,969,976
Current assets	-	6,948,657
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	139,472,461 =====	132,918,633 =====

**4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>2015 HK\$</b>	<b>2014 HK\$</b>
Time deposits with original maturity within three months	-	50,114,878
Cash at banks	2,393,517	27,118,663
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	2,393,517 =====	77,233,541 =====

**5. PROVISION FOR STAFF GRATUITY**

	<b>2015 HK\$</b>	<b>2014 HK\$</b>
Balance at beginning of year	93,986	77,963
Provision for the year	52,462	60,230
Payment for the year	(77,217)	(44,207)
Provision written back	(5,262)	-
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Balance at end of year	63,969 =====	93,986 =====

## 6. INTEREST

	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
Interest on bank deposits	2,211,553	1,712,325
Interest on debt securities	55,190	248,957
	<u>2,266,743</u>	<u>1,961,282</u>
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## 7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

- (a) The Fund's major financial instruments are available-for-sale financial assets, accounts receivable and bank deposits. The major risks associated with these financial instruments are set out below.

### (I) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss.

To minimise credit risks arising from bank deposits, all time deposits are placed with reputable licensed banks in Hong Kong. To minimise credit risks arising from available-for-sale financial assets, only those classified under the investment grade by Moody's or Standard & Poor's are considered. At the balance sheet date, the credit quality of investments in debt securities analysed by the lower of ratings designated by Moody's or Standard & Poor's was as follows:

	2015 HK\$	2014 HK\$
Debt securities by credit rating		
A1 to A3/A+ to A-	-	6,948,657
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,948,657</u>

For other receivables, the Fund considers that adequate provision has been made, where necessary, for amounts which are expected to be irrecoverable at the balance sheet date.

The maximum exposure to credit risk as at the balance sheet date in relation to each class of financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as stated in the balance sheet.

## **(II) Market risk**

The Fund is exposed to market risk due to changes in market variables such as equity prices, interest rates and exchange rates.

### **(i) Equity price risk**

The Fund maintains a diversified portfolio of investments. The Committee monitors the performance of the portfolio and regularly reviews the investment strategy of the Fund to manage the equity price risk. It is estimated that if the market prices of the respective equity securities had been 10% higher/lower (2014: 10%), the balance of the investment revaluation reserve of the Fund would have increased/decreased by about HK\$13,950,000 (2014: HK\$12,600,000). The sensitivity analysis was based on the carrying amount of equity securities held by the Fund as at the balance sheet date and on the assumption that all other variables were held constant.

### **(ii) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk of loss arising from changes in market interest rates. This can be further classified into fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Since all the Fund's deposits with banks bear interest at fixed rates, their fair values will fall when market interest rates increase. However, as they are all stated at amortised cost, changes in market interest rates will not affect their carrying amounts and the Fund's surplus and equity.

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

It is estimated that, as at the balance sheet date, a general increase/decrease of 25 basis points (2014: 25 basis points) in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would have no significant effect on the Fund's surplus and the balance of the investment revaluation reserve (2014: no significant effect).

The sensitivity analysis above was determined assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the balance sheet date and had been applied to interest-bearing financial instruments in existence at that date. The 25 basis points increase or decrease represents the Fund's assessment of a reasonably possible change in interest rates over the period until the next balance sheet date. The analysis was performed on the same basis for 2014.



(iii) Foreign currency risk

(a) Exposure to currency risk

The Fund maintained net financial instruments denominated in United States dollars and Renminbi at a total of USD7,168 (2014: USD7,168) and CNY50,576,819 (2014: CNY48,865,076) respectively at the balance sheet date. As Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the United States dollar within a narrow range, it is considered that the Fund had no significant exposure to foreign exchange risk relating to this currency. Since no foreign currency rate hedging is made by the Fund, the carrying amounts of the financial instruments in Renminbi represent the maximum exposure of the Fund to foreign currency risk in respect of Renminbi.

(b) Sensitivity analysis

It is estimated that at 31 August 2015, should the Renminbi strengthen/weaken by 5% (2014: 5%) against the Hong Kong dollar, with all other variables being held constant, the surplus of the Fund for the year would increase/decrease by HK\$3,068,000 (2014: HK\$3,082,000).

The sensitivity analysis above has been determined assuming that the change in foreign exchange rate had occurred at the year end and for financial instruments in existence at that date. The 5% (2014: 5%) strengthening/weakening in Renminbi represents the assessment by the Fund of a reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rate over the period until the end of next year.

**(III) Liquidity risk**

In the management of liquidity risk, the Fund maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents that is considered adequate to finance its operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

**(b) Fair value hierarchy of financial instruments**

The following table presents the carrying values of financial instruments measured at fair value at the balance sheet date on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.

	2015		2014	
	Level 1 HK\$	Total HK\$	Level 1 HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Available-for-sale financial assets</b>				
Equity				
Securities – listed	139,472,461	139,472,461	125,969,976	125,969,976
Debt				
securities – listed	-	-	6,948,657	6,948,657
	<u>139,472,461</u>	<u>139,472,461</u>	<u>132,918,633</u>	<u>132,918,633</u>
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No financial instruments were classified under Level 2 or Level 3.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: fair value measured using only unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments at the measurement date;

Level 2: fair value measured using observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available; and

Level 3: fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

## 8. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The capital structure of the Fund consists of capital, accumulated surplus and investment revaluation reserve. The Fund's objectives when managing capital are:

- to comply with the Grantham Scholarships Fund Ordinance; and
- to maintain a strong capital base for carrying out the purpose of the Fund as stated in note 1 above.

The Fund manages capital to ensure that its level is sufficient to fund future grants and expenditure, taking into account its projected cash flow requirements, future financial obligations and commitments.

## 9. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

All financial assets and liabilities are stated in the balance sheet at amounts equal to or not materially different from their fair values.