

**REPORT BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE**

**PRISONERS' EDUCATION TRUST FUND**

**FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 APRIL 2013 TO 31 MARCH 2014**

**Report by the Commissioner of Correctional Services,**  
**Trustee of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014**

**Introduction**

The Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance (CAP 467, hereunder referred to as the Ordinance) was passed into law by the Legislative Council on 29 March 1995 and enacted on 30 March 1995.

2. In accordance with Section 5 of the Ordinance, the Commissioner of Correctional Services shall be the trustee, and as required by Section 7 of the Ordinance, I take pleasure to present to the President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council a copy of the signed and audited statement of accounts, the Auditor's Report and my report on the administration of the fund for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

3. The fund was initially founded by a generous donation of HK\$250,000 by the Hong Kong Bank Foundation in 1992. The objective of the fund is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants for individual prisoners to sit for public examinations, cover course enrolment fees, procure textbooks or studying aids, and to procure educational facilities for prisoners.

4. Further donations of HK\$6,859,412 were received in the twenty-two years ended 31 March 2014 including the following donations for the total amount of HK\$1,912,530 received in the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014:

- HK\$1,000,000 from the Care of Rehabilitated Offenders Association Limited
- HK\$300,000 from Chungshan Commercial Association, Hong Kong
- HK\$1,100 from Bright Services Company Limited
- HK\$350 from Mr. SIN Yat-kin, SBS, CSDSM, Commissioner of Correctional Services

- HK\$250,000 from Tung Sin Tan
- HK\$100,000 from Mr. YEUNG Man-lee, JP
- HK\$60 from Mr. YAU Chi-chiu, CSDSM, Deputy Commissioner
- Proceeds of HK\$15,045 generated through the sale of industrial products manufactured by persons in custody in the 48<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo from the Correctional Services Department
- HK\$50,000 from Dr. HO Wai-kuen, Executive Chairman of Merchants Support for Rehabilitated Offenders Committee Limited
- HK\$7,500 from Mr. LEUNG Siu-on Clifford, 2nd Vice-chairman of the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon
- HK\$80,000 from CRA Benevolent Fund Limited
- HK\$100,000 from the Correctional Services Department Sports Association
- HK\$8,475 from the Donation Box set up at the Hong Kong Correctional Services Museum to collect donations from the visitors.

5. According to the funding policy of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Operational Guidelines, only the income generated from the capital derived from donations can be used to fund grants for individual prisoners, and a portion of the capital may be utilized to fund the provision of educational facilities for prisoners.

### **Object of the Fund**

6. In accordance with Section 4 of the Ordinance, the trustee shall apply the fund in such a manner and to such extent as the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee may direct for the following objectives: -

- (a) the provision of financial assistance to individual prisoners, on application, in their efforts to obtain education; and
- (b) the provision of educational facilities for prisoners.

## **Committees**

7. The Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee was formed in accordance with Section 6 of the Ordinance. The membership of the Committee is shown in Appendix I.

8. The Investment Advisory Committee was formed in accordance with Section 8 of the Ordinance. The membership of the Committee is shown in Appendix II.

9. The Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee is to make policy decisions as well as decisions on the granting of financial assistance to individual prisoners. Under Section 9 of the Ordinance, the trustee may invest any moneys of the fund in such trust investments as may be recommended by the Investment Advisory Committee and approved by the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee.

## **Allocation of Funds on Investment**

10. The Investment Advisory Committee held meetings on 10 May 2013 and 8 November 2013 to make recommendations on the allocation of funds on investment. The recommendations were approved by the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee. The following investment recommendations were executed:

- On 21 May 2013, an amount of HK\$1,500,000 was placed into a HKD time deposit with the Bank of East Asia, Limited at an interest rate of 0.90% per annum for six months.
- On 27 November 2013, 3,000 HSBC shares were purchased at a unit price of HK\$86.55 with a settlement amount of HK\$261,255.48.

A summary of the investments is included in Appendix III.

### **Financial Assistance**

11. Following the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee meetings held on 30 April 2013, 23 August 2013 and 19 December 2013 to consider applications for financial assistance, a total sum of HK\$144,790 was approved for payment of external examination fees, course fees and reference books for 126 successful applicants. Only the income generated from the fund was used to pay for the above-mentioned fees.

### **Accumulated Fund**

12. The accumulated fund as at 31 March 2014 amounted to HK\$8,553,839 including HK\$7,109,412 in the capital account, HK\$695,439 in the accumulated surplus account and HK\$748,988 in the investment revaluation reserve account.

### **Auditor**

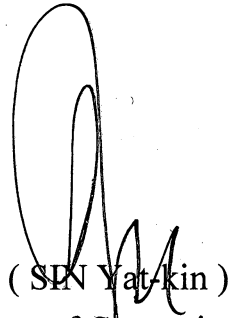
13. In accordance with Section 7(2) of the Ordinance, the Director of Audit was appointed the Auditor of the fund.

14. Audited statement of accounts for the fund has been prepared and the Auditor's report and the signed statement of accounts are attached at Appendix IV.

### **Vote of Thanks**

15. I wish to extend my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee, and all other officers who have contributed to the smooth functioning of the fund. I also wish to thank the Investment Advisory Committee, which has given expert advice on the investment of fund moneys.

16. Finally, my thanks are also due to the Director of Audit for providing his professional service in auditing the accounts.

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( SN Yat-kin )  
Commissioner of Correctional Services  
Trustee of the  
Prisoners' Education Trust Fund  
10 November 2014

## Appendix I

### Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee

Chairman : Dr. Hon LAM Tai-fai, S.B.S., B.B.S., J.P., appointed by the Secretary for Security

Members : Ms. KEUNG Yuen-kwan, Agnes, appointed by the Secretary for Security

Representative of the Commissioner of Correctional Services –  
Mr. CHAN Kin-chung, Mathias  
Senior Superintendent (Rehabilitation)

Mr. WONG Chao-hing, Andrew  
Superintendent (Officer in charge of the Rehabilitation Unit  
Two of the Correctional Services Department)

Ms. SIU Pui-fan  
Principal II (Officer in charge of the Education Unit of the  
Correctional Services Department)

Hon : Mr. FUNG Bing-sum, Senior Treasury Accountant  
Treasurer (Correctional Services Department)

Hon : Mr. LEUNG King-yuen, Education Officer  
Secretary (Correctional Services Department)

## Appendix II

### Prisoners' Education Trust Fund

#### Investment Advisory Committee

Chairman : Dr. CHENG Kam-chung, Eric, B.B.S., M.H., J.P.

(appointed by the Secretary for Security)

Members : Ms. CHOY Chi-ting, Eva

(appointed by the Secretary for Security)

Dr. CHU Yuet-wah, Pollyana

(appointed by the Secretary for Security)

Mr. YIP Chun-nam, Stephen, B.B.S., M.H., J.P.

(appointed by the Secretary for Security)

Mr. LAM Hung, Allan

(appointed by the Secretary for Security)



**Appendix III**

**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Investment as at 31 March 2014**

<u>I. Equities securities</u>	<u>Holding</u>	(a) Cost at <u>purchase</u> HK\$	(b) Market <u>value</u> HK\$	(b) – (a) Revaluation <u>gain</u> HK\$
CLP Holdings Ltd.	5,000	271,157	292,250	21,093
Hang Seng Bank Ltd.	2,900	292,688	357,570	64,882
Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	28,343 <sup>#</sup>	208,291	478,430	270,139
HSBC Holdings PLC	9,800	667,759	769,790	102,031
Hutchison Whampoa Ltd.	2,200	112,495	226,160	113,665
MTR Corp Ltd.	16,500	296,372	473,550	177,178
		<u>1,848,762</u>	<u>2,597,750</u>	<u>748,988</u>

<sup>#</sup>Including bonus issue of 2,576 shares received on 24 June 2013.

<u>II. Debt securities</u>	(a) <u>Cost</u> HK\$	(b) <u>Market value</u> HK\$	(b) – (a) <u>Difference</u> HK\$
USD100,000 nominal value Govt of HKSAR 5.125% due on 01.08.2014 at 101.70%	776,521	786,052	9,531
USD100,000 nominal value HUT WHA INTL 7.625% due on 09.04.2019 at 125.58%	926,213	935,362	9,149
	<u>1,702,734</u>	<u>1,721,414</u>	<u>18,680</u>



## Prisoners' Education Trust Fund

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014

# ***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 Prisoners' Education Trust Fund set out on pages 3 to 16, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2014, 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.

### **Commissioner of Correctional Services' Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Commissioner of Correctional Services is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with section 7(1) of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance (Cap. 467) and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the Commissioner of Correctional Services 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 7(2) of the Prisoners' Education Trust 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.

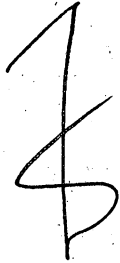
An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of

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 Commissioner of Correctional Services, 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 Prisoners' Education Trust Fund as at 31 March 2014, 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 7(1) of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance.



Frederick T C WONG  
Principal Auditor  
for Director of Audit

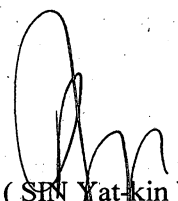
27 June 2014

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**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014**

	Note	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Available-for-sale financial assets	3	2,597,750	2,526,929
Held-to-maturity securities	4	926,213	1,733,031
		<u>3,523,963</u>	<u>4,259,960</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Held-to-maturity securities	4	776,521	-
Accounts receivable	5	59,411	50,705
Time deposits	6	3,267,662	599,256
Cash and cash equivalents	7	926,282	1,861,485
		<u>5,029,876</u>	<u>2,511,446</u>
		<u>8,553,839</u>	<u>6,771,406</u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
Capital		7,109,412	5,196,882
Accumulated surplus		695,439	635,101
Investment revaluation reserve		748,988	939,423
		<u>8,553,839</u>	<u>6,771,406</u>

The accompanying notes 1 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

  
 ( Simon Yat-kin )  
 Commissioner of Correctional Services,  
 Trustee of the  
 Prisoners' Education Trust Fund  
 27 June 2014

**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2014**

	Note	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
<b>Income</b>			
Interest income	8	105,526	97,311
Dividends		86,111	81,653
		<u>191,637</u>	<u>178,964</u>
 <b>Expenditure</b>			
Financial assistance to prisoners		(101,240)	(106,098)
Educational facilities for prisoners		(28,716)	(18,191)
Exchange loss		(1,343)	(21,248)
		<u>(131,299)</u>	<u>(145,537)</u>
 <b>Surplus for the year</b>		<u><u>60,338</u></u>	<u><u>33,427</u></u>

The accompanying notes 1 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2014**

	<b>2014</b> <b>HK\$</b>	<b>2013</b> <b>HK\$</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	60,338	33,427
<b>Other comprehensive (expense) / income</b>		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to surplus or deficit:		
Available-for-sale financial assets		
Net (losses)/gains on revaluation	(190,435)	337,073
<b>Total comprehensive (expense) / income for the year</b>	<u>(130,097)</u>	<u>370,500</u>

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**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2014**

	<b>Capital HK\$</b>	<b>Accumulated Surplus HK\$</b>	<b>Investment Revaluation Reserve HK\$</b>	<b>Total HK\$</b>
Balance at 1 April 2012	4,808,402	601,674	602,350	6,012,426
Donations received for 2012-13	388,480	-	-	388,480
Total comprehensive income for 2012-13	-	33,427	337,073	370,500
Balance at 31 March 2013	5,196,882	635,101	939,423	6,771,406
Donations received for 2013-14	1,912,530	-	-	1,912,530
Total comprehensive expense for 2013-14	-	60,338	(190,435)	(130,097)
Balance at 31 March 2014	7,109,412	695,439	748,988	8,553,839

The accompanying notes 1 to 13 form part of these financial statements.



**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund**  
**Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2014**

	Note	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus for the year		60,338	33,427
Interest income		(105,526)	(97,311)
Dividends		(86,111)	(81,653)
Exchange loss		1,343	21,248
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<u>(129,956)</u>	<u>(124,289)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		125,015	100,646
Dividends received		86,968	73,739
Purchase of available-for-sale financial assets/ held-to-maturity securities		(261,256)	(975,882)
Proceeds from redemption of held-to-maturity securities		-	696,870
(Increase) / Decrease in time deposits with original maturity over three months		(2,668,504)	766,570
<b>Net cash (used in) / from investing activities</b>		<u>(2,717,777)</u>	<u>661,943</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Donations received		1,912,530	388,480
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>		<u>1,912,530</u>	<u>388,480</u>
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(935,203)	926,134
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>1,861,485</u>	<u>935,351</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	7	<u><u>926,282</u></u>	<u><u>1,861,485</u></u>

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**Prisoners' Education Trust Fund  
Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1. General**

The Prisoners' Education Trust Fund (the Fund) was established for the purposes of providing financial assistance to individual prisoners, on application, in their efforts to obtain education and providing educational facilities for prisoners in accordance with section 4 of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance (Cap. 467).

The address of the Fund's principal place of business is 24/F, Wan Chai Tower, 12 Harbour Road, Hong Kong.

**2. Significant accounting policies**

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 7(1) of the Prisoners' Education Trust 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 policies 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 the following new and revised HKFRSs for the first time which are applicable to the Fund and effective for the current accounting period:

- Amendments to HKAS 1 (Revised) "Presentation of Financial Statements - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income"
- HKFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement"

The adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs has had no significant impact on the reported results and the financial position of the Fund.

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 results 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 Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee intends to dispose of the investments within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade-dates 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 gains or losses arising from the change in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in the investment revaluation reserve. The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid-prices.

(e) Held-to-maturity securities

Held-to-maturity securities are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity which the Fund has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

Held-to-maturity securities are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses, if any.

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.

(f) Impairment of financial assets

The carrying amounts of held-to-maturity securities and available-for-sale financial assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment.

For held-to-maturity securities, if any such evidence exists, an impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If in a subsequent period, the amount of such impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, the impairment loss is reversed through the income and expenditure account. A reversal of impairment losses is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment losses been recognised in prior years.

When there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on available-for-sale financial assets has occurred, 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 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 and recorded in the investment revaluation reserve.

(g) Donations

Donations are credited to the Accumulated Fund – Capital Account on actual receipt.

(h) 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.

(i) Revenue recognition

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

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

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

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

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Equity securities Listed in Hong Kong, at fair value	<u>2,597,750</u>	<u>2,526,929</u>

4. Held-to-maturity securities

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Debt securities Listed in Hong Kong, at cost Less : Amortisation of premium	<u>1,763,194</u> <u>(60,460)</u> <u>1,702,734</u>	<u>1,764,381</u> <u>(31,350)</u> <u>1,733,031</u>
Classified as Non-current assets Current assets	<u>926,213</u> <u>776,521</u> <u>1,702,734</u>	<u>1,733,031</u> <u>-</u> <u>1,733,031</u>

5. Accounts receivable

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Interest receivable Dividends receivable	<u>44,966</u> <u>14,445</u> <u>59,411</u>	<u>35,403</u> <u>15,302</u> <u>50,705</u>

6. Time deposits

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Deposits with original maturity over 3 months	<u>3,267,662</u>	<u>599,256</u>

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Deposits with original maturity within 3 months Current account Savings accounts	<u>-</u> <u>76,485</u> <u>849,797</u> <u>926,282</u>	<u>1,142,281</u> <u>56,441</u> <u>662,763</u> <u>1,861,485</u>

## 8. Interest income

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Bank interest	35,827	10,219
Bond interest	98,809	126,385
Less: Amortisation of premium for the year	(29,110)	(39,293)
	69,699	87,092
	<u>105,526</u>	<u>97,311</u>

## 9. Financial risk management

- (a) The Fund's major financial instruments include available-for-sale financial assets, held-to-maturity securities 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. 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.

To minimise the credit risks arising from bank deposits, all time deposits are placed with reputable licensed banks in Hong Kong. To minimise credit risks arising from held-to-maturity securities, 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:

	2014 HK\$	2013 HK\$
Debt securities by credit rating		
Aa1 to Aa3 / AA+ to AA-	776,521	779,207
A1 to A3 / A+ to A-	926,213	953,824
	<u>1,702,734</u>	<u>1,733,031</u>

(ii) Market risk

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

(1) Equity price risk

The Fund maintains a diversified portfolio of investments. The Investment Advisory Committee and the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Committee monitor the performance of the portfolio and regularly review the investment strategy of the Fund in the management of equity price risk. If the market prices of the respective equity securities had been 10% (2013 : 10%) higher/lower, the balance of the investment revaluation reserve of the Fund would have increased/decreased by about HK\$264,000 (2013 : about HK\$253,000). The sensitivity analysis was based on the carrying amount of equity securities held by the Fund at the balance sheet date and on the assumption that all other variables were held constant.

(2) 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 the Fund's held-to-maturity securities and time deposits bear interest at fixed rates, their fair value 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. The Fund is not exposed to material cash flow interest rate risk because interest income from financial instruments bearing interest at a floating rate is not significant.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk, based on the major interest-bearing assets stated at carrying amounts at the balance sheet date and categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing dates or maturity dates, is shown below:

**2014**  
**Repricing period**

	Up to 3 months HK\$	Over 3 months to 1 year HK\$	Over 1 year to 5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	Total HK\$
Held-to-maturity securities	-	776,521	-	926,213	1,702,734
Time deposits	<u>2,657,741</u>	<u>609,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,267,662</u>
	<u>2,657,741</u>	<u>1,386,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>926,213</u>	<u>4,970,396</u>

**2013**  
**Repricing period**

	Up to 3 months HK\$	Over 3 months to 1 year HK\$	Over 1 year to 5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	Total HK\$
Held-to-maturity securities	-	-	779,207	953,824	1,733,031
Time deposits	<u>1,142,281</u>	<u>599,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,741,537</u>
	<u>1,142,281</u>	<u>599,256</u>	<u>779,207</u>	<u>953,824</u>	<u>3,474,568</u>

(3) Foreign currency risk

(1) Exposure to currency risk

The Fund maintained net financial instruments denominated in US dollars and Renminbi at a total of USD225,847 (2013 : USD228,965) and CNY491,450 (2013 : CNY479,928) respectively at the balance sheet date. As Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US 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 for Renminbi, the carrying amount of the financial instruments in Renminbi represents the maximum exposure of the Fund to foreign currency risk.



(2) Sensitivity analysis

It was estimated that as at the balance sheet date should the Renminbi strengthen/weaken by 5% (2013: 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\$30,685 (2013: HK\$29,970).

The above sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the change in foreign exchange rate had occurred at the balance sheet date and for financial instruments in existence at that date. The 5% (2013: 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.

	2014		2013	
	Level 1 HK\$	Total HK\$	Level 1 HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>				
Available-for-sale financial assets				
- Listed equity securities	<u>2,597,750</u>	<u>2,597,750</u>	<u>2,526,929</u>	<u>2,526,929</u>

No financial instruments were classified under Level 2 or Level 3. During the year, there were no significant transfers between instruments in Level 1 and Level 2.

The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:-

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

Level 2 valuations: 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.

Level 3 valuations: fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

#### **10. 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 Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance; and
- to maintain a capital base for carrying out the purposes of the Fund as stated in note 1 above.

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

#### **11. Commitments**

As at 31 March 2014, there were commitments totalling HK\$31,911 (2013 : HK\$63,056) being the outstanding balance of approved grants payable upon the registration/enrolment of the grantees with the relevant examination bodies and institutes or the procurement of learning aids/equipment for the grantees.

#### **12. Cost of administering the fund**

The cost of administering the Fund has been borne by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with section 10 of the Prisoners' Education Trust Fund Ordinance.

#### **13. Fair values of financial assets**

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