FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Opinion

What we have audited

The financial statements of the Hospital Authority ("HA") Public-Private Partnership Fund (the "Fund"), which are set out on pages 3 to 17, comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2024;
- the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in total fund for the year then ended;
- · the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policies information and other explanatory information.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of HA in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Responsibilities of HA for the Financial Statements

HA is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, and for such internal control as HA determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, HA is responsible for assessing its ability to continue the Fund as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there are events or conditions that have caused or may cause HA to cease the Fund to continue as a going concern.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (CONTINUED)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether
 due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and
 obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
 The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one
 resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,
 misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 HA's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by HA.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of HA's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on HA's ability to continue the Fund as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause HA to cease the Fund to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with HA regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 23 September 2024

BALANCE SHEET

	Note	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	At 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Non-Current Asset Placement with the Exchange Fund	4	10,000,000	10,000,000
Current Assets Other receivables Prepayments Placement with the Exchange Fund Cash and bank balances	4 5	2,245 - 780,533 194,102	936 254 755,284 438,349
		976,880 	1,194,823
Total Assets		10,976,880	11,194,823
Fund Accumulated Fund		- -	-
Total Fund			·-
Current Liability Creditors and accrued charges	6	146,160	131,692
Non-Current Liabilities Deferred income – Public-Private Partnership Fund Endowment Fund	7	830,720 10,000,000	1,063,131
		10,830,720	11,063,131
Total Liabilities		10,976,880	11,194,823
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The notes on pages 7 to 17 are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Note	For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Income		·	·
Transfer from deferred income – Public-Private	7	656,215	530,392
Partnership Fund Other income			16
		656,215	530,408
Expenditure			
Fees to participating service providers		(559,729)	(441,527)
Staff costs	8	(76,140)	(70,073)
Computer equipment and IT maintenance		(13,378)	(13,625)
Other operating expenses		(6,968)	(5,183)
	10	(656,215)	(530,408)
Surplus for the year		-	-
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The Fund had no components of comprehensive income other than "surplus for the year" in the year presented. Accordingly, no separate statement of comprehensive income is presented as the Fund's "total comprehensive income" was the same as the "surplus for the year".

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN TOTAL FUND

	For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Total fund at the beginning of the year	-	-
Surplus for the year	-	-
Total fund at the end of the year	-	

The notes on pages 7 to 17 are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		For the year ended 31 March 2024	For the year ended 31 March 2023
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	9(a)	(244,247)	250,091
Investing activity Decrease / (increase) in bank deposits with original maturity over three months		115,345	(207,829)
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activity		115,345	(207,829)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(128,902)	42,262
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		151,067	108,805
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5	22,165	151,067

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Background

In line with the Government's healthcare reform proposals, the Hospital Authority ("HA") has launched a variety of clinical public-private partnership ("PPP") programmes on a pilot basis since 2008 with the designated one-off funding from the Government.

With approval given by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), the Government allocated to HA a sum of HK\$10,000,000,000 on 31 March 2016 as an endowment fund to generate investment returns for regularising and enhancing ongoing clinical PPP programmes, as well as developing new clinical PPP programmes in future. As approved by the Government, the endowment fund has been placed with the Exchange Fund managed by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") commencing from 12 July 2016 (the "Placement"). HA can make use of the investment returns together with the remaining balance of the one-off designated funding provided previously to support the ongoing operation of the PPP programmes. The HA PPP Fund (the "Fund") was accordingly established, comprising the HK\$10,000,000,000 endowment fund and HK\$442,000,000 from the remaining balance as at 31 March 2016 of the one-off designated funding provided to HA previously by the Government to support the ongoing operation of the PPP programmes.

Under the agreed governance arrangement, the annual audited financial statements of the Fund should be submitted to the LegCo via the Health Bureau.

The address of the principal office of HA is Hospital Authority Building, 147B Argyle Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

2. Material accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which are stated at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. However, there are no areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Material accounting policies (Continued)

(b) Adoption of new / revised HKFRSs

The HKICPA has issued a number of new / revised HKFRSs, including interpretations, amendments or improvements to the existing standards, which become effective in the current period. These new / revised HKFRSs are not relevant to the Fund and have no impact on the results and financial position of the Fund.

The HKICPA has also issued a number of new / revised HKFRSs which are effective for accounting period beginning on or after 1 April 2024. HA has not early adopted these new/revised HKFRSs in the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024. HA is in the process of making an assessment but is not yet in a position to conclude the impact of these new / revised HKFRSs on the Fund's results of operations and financial position.

(c) Recognition of income

The investment returns from the Placement and bank deposits are recognised as deferred income – PPP Fund.

Government recurrent subvention to HA for pay adjustment of staff deployed on PPP programmes is recognised as deferred income – PPP Fund when the subvention is received.

Each year, the amount spent on the PPP programmes (net of other income) is transferred from deferred income – PPP Fund to the statement of income and expenditure.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise bank deposits with original maturity within three months.

(e) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Placement is measured as "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss". HA determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition, and such classification depends on HA's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs are expensed to the statement of income and expenditure. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and HA has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. Material accounting policies (Continued)

(f) Employee benefits

Employee benefits, including salary, allowances, retirement benefits and contract-end gratuity, are accounted for as they accrue.

(g) Related parties

Parties are considered to be related to the Fund if the party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the Fund or exercise significant influence over the Fund in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa. Related parties also include key management personnel having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund.

For the purpose of these financial statements, transactions between the Fund and Government departments, agencies or Government controlled entities, other than those transactions that arise in the normal dealings between the Government and the Fund, are also considered to be related party transactions.

3. Financial risk management

(a) Financial risk factors

The Fund's investment activity is the primary area of financial risk. This risk is mitigated by the Fund's financial risk management process.

With regard to investments, in accordance with the prevailing policies and guidelines, the primary objectives are to meet liquidity requirements, to protect capital and to provide a reasonable return. The investment portfolio ("Portfolio") as at 31 March 2024 consisted of bank deposits and the Placement. Based on the risk control measures as summarised below, the risk of default by the counterparties is considered minimal. Besides, the Fund has no currency risk because all financial assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollar, the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk of the Fund is primarily relating to the risk that counterparties may default on the bank deposits and the Placement.

Bank deposits are placed with HA's approved banks which are of investment grade as determined by Moody's or Standard and Poor's with minimum credit rating not lower than Moody's Baa3 or equivalent. The impairment requirements of HKFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" do not have a material impact on the bank deposits. Credit risk arising from the bank deposits is not significant to the Fund.

The Placement is entered into between HA and HKMA and it is expected that HKMA can fulfill its contractual obligations to HA in respect of the Placement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Financial risk management (Continued)

(a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk

The Portfolio's interest rate risk arises from interest bearing bank deposits. Fixed rate bank deposits expose the Portfolio to fair value interest rate risk. Sensitivity analyses have been performed by HA with regard to interest rate risk as at 31 March 2024. If interest rates had been increased or decreased by 25 basis points and all other variables were held constant, the effect on the Fund's operating results and total fund is insignificant.

(b) Fair values estimation

(i) Financial assets carried at fair values

The Fund's financial instruments that are measured at fair value are categorised by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3 Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. These instruments are included in level 1. None of the instruments of the Fund is included in level 1.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. None of the instruments of the Fund is included in level 2.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Financial risk management (Continued)

(b) Fair values estimation (Continued)

(i) Financial assets carried at fair values (Continued)

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments.
- The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the reporting date, with the resulting value discounted back to present value.

Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

The Placement is included in level 3. The following table presents the changes in level 3 instruments for the financial years ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023:

	For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year Interest earned / accrued interest Interest withdrawn	10,755,284 387,249 (362,000)	10,924,400 540,884 (710,000)
At the end of the year (note 4)	10,780,533	10,755,284

(ii) All other financial assets and liabilities are stated in the balance sheet at amounts that approximate their fair values and accordingly, no disclosure of fair values for these items is presented.

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4. Placement with the Exchange Fund

The Placement is measured as a "financial asset at fair value through profit or loss". The valuation technique and significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements are the discounted cash flow and discount rate respectively. The Placement is denominated in Hong Kong dollar. Its fair value is determined with reference to the estimated rates of investment return for future years.

The interest on the Placement is at a fixed rate determined annually in January and payable annually in arrears on 31 December. Currently, the rate of return is calculated on the basis of the average annual rate of return on certain investment portfolio of the Exchange Fund over the past six years or the average annual yield of three-year government bond in the previous year (subject to a minimum of zero percent), whichever is the higher. This rate of return has been fixed at 3.7% per annum for both January to December 2023 and January to December 2024. During the year ended 31 March 2024, HA withdrew interest of HK\$362,000,000 (2023: HK\$710,000,000) from the Placement to support the operation of the PPP programmes. The remaining interest earned but not yet withdrawn by HA would continue to accrue interest at the same rate payable for the principal amount.

The Placement of the principal of HK\$10,000,000,000 was initially fixed for a period of six years commencing from 12 July 2016. As agreed with HKMA, HA renewed the Placement for another six years upon maturity on 12 July 2022. Subject to the approval from the appropriate authority, HA may exercise an option of up to two principal withdrawals during the periods from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 (not exceeding HK\$2,000,000,000 in aggregate) to address the potential funding needs.

The Placement is analysed as follows:

	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	At 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Principal amount Interest earned but not withdrawn at the reporting date	10,000,000 682,262	10,000,000 657,234
Accrued interest	98,271	98,050
Less: non-current portion	10,780,533 (10,000,000)	10,755,284 (10,000,000)
Current portion	780,533	755,284 ————

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5. Cash and bank balances

	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	At 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Bank deposits with original maturity within three months	22,165	151,067
Cash and cash equivalents Bank deposits with original maturity over three months	22,165 171,937	151,067 287,282
	194,102	438,349

The effective interest rate on short term bank deposits is between 4.47% and 4.59% (2023: 2.60% and 3.60%). These deposits have an average original maturity of 77 days (2023: 57 days).

6. Creditors and accrued charges

At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	At 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
137,626	120,774
8,534	10,918
146,160	131,692
	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 137,626 8,534

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7. Deferred income – PPP Fund

Movements of the deferred income – PPP Fund are shown below:

For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
1,063,131 387,249	1,033,537 540,884
•	7,801
14,726	11,301
(656,215)	(530,392)
830,720	1,063,131
For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
70,502	64,697
5,638	5,376
76,140	70,073
	year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 1,063,131 387,249 21,829 14,726 (656,215) 830,720 For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 70,502 5,638

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9. Notes to the statement of cash flows

(a) Reconciliation of surplus for the year to net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities

	For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Surplus for the year	-	_
Income transferred from deferred income – PPP Fund	(656,215)	(530,392)
Interest withdrawn from the Placement	362,000	710,000
Interest received from bank deposits	20,520	6,965
Government recurrent subvention for pay adjustment	14,726	11,301
Decrease in prepayments	254	-
Increase in creditors and accrued charges	14,468	52,217
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	(244,247)	250,091

(b) Non-cash transaction

The interest earned from the Placement of HK\$387,249,000 (2023: HK\$540,884,000) was a non-cash transaction with a corresponding increase in deferred income – PPP Fund.

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10. Expenditure by programme

	For the year ended 31 March 2024 HK\$'000	For the year ended 31 March 2023 HK\$'000
Existing and expanded programmes		
(a) Breast Cancer Operative Service Collaborat	ion 27,728	26,822
Programme (b) Cataract Surgeries Programme (c) Colon Assessment PPP Programme and Su Special	40,773 arge 31,427	25,268 33,901
 (d) General Outpatient Clinic PPP Programme (e) Glaucoma PPP Programme (f) Haemodialysis PPP Programme (g) Investigation PPP Programme 	127,210 7,689 102,827	101,760 6,391 89,515
(h) Oesophago-Gastro-Duodenoscopy Collabor Programme	ration -	8,880
(i) Project on Enhancing Radiological Investiga Services through Collaboration with the Projector		167,859
(j) Radiation Therapy Service PPP Programme(k) Trauma Operative Service Collaboration Programme	7,546 49,215	4,678 40,138
	609,299	505,212
Special programmes for COVID-19 (Note)	
(I) Medical Posts for Community Isolation Faci(m) PPP In-patient Transfer	lities -	(6,582) (11,100)
		(17,682)
Total programme expenditure Information technology and administration support	609,299 46,916	487,530 42,878
	656,215	530,408

Note: To cope with the Coronavirus Disease-2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic, HA has launched these two programmes for COVID-19 in February 2022 to alleviate the pressure of public hospitals. As agreed with the Health Bureau in December 2022, expenditure incurred for these programmes during the year ended 31 March 2022 and previously absorbed by the Fund was recharged to HA's designated funds for COVID-19 during the year ended 31 March 2023.

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11. Related party transactions

During the year, the Fund entered into the following significant related party transactions:

- (a) Expenditure of HK\$656,215,000 (2023: HK\$530,408,000) was recharged by HA to the Fund.
- (b) Another significant related party transaction entered by the Fund with the Government was the recurrent subvention for pay adjustment of HK\$14,726,000 (2023: HK\$11,301,000) (note 7).
- (c) As at 31 March 2023 and 2024, outstanding balances with the Government were the Placement with the Exchange Fund (note 4) and the HK\$10,000,000,000 Endowment Fund.
- (d) As at 31 March 2024, the amount due to HA included in creditors and accrued charges was HK\$2,780,000 (2023: HK\$5,462,000). The balance with HA was unsecured, interest-free and had no fixed term of repayment.

12. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by members of HA on 23 September 2024.