# Subsidized Schools Provident Fund Financial Bulletin for the Quarter Ended 29 February 2020

## **Key Financial Data**

|                                      |                | Quarter ended<br>29.2.2020 | Quarter ended<br><u>30.11.2019</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Contributors' Account (HK\$ million) | (a)            | 76,004                     | 75,312                             |
| Net Assets (HK\$ million)            | (b)            | 89,429                     | 89,910                             |
| Asset cover (%)                      | (b) / (a) *100 | 117.7                      | 119.4                              |

#### **Market Commentaries**

- The spread of the COVID-19 around the world triggered the decline in global equity markets. On 28 February 2020, the Chair of the US Federal Reserve pledged to act as appropriate to support the economy, which market expected more policy easing to come.
- Driven by risk-off market sentiment, the US 10-year Government bond yield decreased from around 1.8% by end of November 2019 to around 1.1% by end of February 2020.
- For the quarter ended 29 February 2020, the Hang Seng index decreased by about 0.8% from 26,346 as at end of November 2019 to 26,130 by end of February 2020, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index decreased by about 9.4% from 28,051 to 25,409 during the same period.

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

|                | Currency<br><u>(Change vs. HKD)</u> | Equity<br>(in original currency) | Bond<br>(in original currency) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hong Kong      | N/A                                 | -0.82                            | +3.07                          |
| USA            | -0.44                               | -5.95                            | +4.51                          |
| Canada         | -1.49                               | -4.56                            | +2.89                          |
| UK             | -1.69                               | -10.43                           | +3.89                          |
| Germany        | -0.82                               | -10.17                           | +2.06                          |
| Japan          | +1.08                               | -9.23                            | +1.22                          |
| Australia      | -5.10                               | -6.28                            | +1.74                          |
| Mainland China | +0.38                               | +0.29                            | N/A                            |

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

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

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

|   | 29.2.2020<br><u>(HK\$ million)</u> | 30.11.2019<br><u>(HK\$ million)</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong equities (HKE)                              | 17,079                             | 17,025                              |
| Hong Kong and offshore RMB debt securities (HK/RMBDS) | 13,937                             | 13,579                              |
| Overseas equities (OE)                                | 32,952                             | 35,408                              |
| Overseas debt securities (ODS)                        | 13,460                             | 13,098                              |
| Cash and net accounts receivable (CH/NAR)             | 12,001                             | 10,800                              |
|   | 89,429                             | 89,910                              |

## Net Asset Allocation In Percentage

