CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2000

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Cash and short term funds	10	14,558,320	10,063,218
Placements with banks and other financial			2 224 224
institutions maturing between one and twelve months		2,831,917	3,885,285
Trading securities	11	169,790	172,184
Advances and other accounts	12	19,380,420	19,759,378
Held-to-maturity securities	11	110,573	74,445
Certificates of deposit held	13	76,974	95,917
Other securities	11	342,234	253,825
Interest in an associate	15	344,767	333,672
Investment properties	16	34,700	34,700
Property and equipment	17	1,142,105	1,142,151
TOTAL ASSETS		38,991,800	35,814,775
LIABILITIES			
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions		1,158,721	1,334,485
Current, fixed, savings and other deposits of customers	18	31,108,597	28,327,783
Certificates of deposit issued		23,398	23,315
Other accounts and provisions		889,607	678,899
Taxation		83,173	60,295
Proposed dividend		152,250	117,450
Total liabilities		33,415,746	30,542,227
CAPITAL RESOURCES			
Share capital	19	217,500	217,500
Reserves	20	5,358,554	5,055,048
Shareholders' funds		5,576,054	5,272,548
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL RESOURCES		38,991,800	35,814,775

Approved by the Board of Directors on 15 March 2001.

Liu Lit Man, Chairman & Managing Director

Liu Lit Mo, Vice Chairman-Executive Director

Dominic B H Lam, Executive Director

Michael K W Yeung, Company Secretary