CORPORATE INFORMATION

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The directors of Ming Pao Enterprise Corporation Limited ("the Company") announce that the unaudited consolidated profit and loss account, condensed consolidated cash flow statement and consolidated statement of recognised gains and losses of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the six months ended 30th September 2001 and the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at 30th September 2001 are set out on pages 10 to 22 of this report.

MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

Results summary

The consolidated turnover for the six months ended 30th September 2001 was HK$573,323,000, down 14% from the HK$665,920,000 reported in the same period last year. Loss attributable to shareholders for the period was HK$13,992,000, compared with a profit of HK$49,102,000 for last year.

Last year's turnover included revenue from Yazhou Zhoukan Limited, a former wholly-owned subsidiary, which has since March 2001 become an associated company of the Group, as such, its revenue for the current period was not incorporated in these accounts. In addition, included in last year's profit was an exceptional gain of HK$24,495,000 derived from the dilution of shareholdings in the Group's Internet business.

Business review

Newspapers

Turnover for the Group's newspaper business declined by 8% during the period, mainly attributed to the drop in advertising revenue. The current economic downturn in both the territory and in North America, where the Group operates its overseas newspaper editions, has resulted in advertisers trimming down their advertising spending. Revenue for all media companies dropped significantly and the Group's business was also inevitably affected. Worthy of mention is that the advertising volume in Ming Pao Daily News actually increased by about 5% during the period. However, because of ferocious competition, more discounts were offered to the advertisers, resulting in a net decrease in advertising revenue of about 12%. Despite the difficult operating environment, the Daily upheld its high quality news services and continued to enrich its content by the introduction of new columns and features. In a recent survey on media credibility carried out by The School of Journalism and Communication of the Chinese University of Hong

Kong, Ming Pao Daily News was regarded by the general public as the most credible media in Hong Kong. Together with effective promotional activities, the Daily has recorded increases in its circulation revenue in Hong Kong and in North America of 17% and 5% respectively during the period. To weather through this economic downturn, the Daily will continue its effort to achieve greater operating efficiency and to improve its advertising revenue by offering broad ranges of innovative and competitive advertising packages that cater for the needs of different advertisers.

Magazines

Ming Pao Weekly, a leading weekly magazine about entertainment and pop culture, has always been well supported by premium advertisers, especially those of high-end and trendy products. Through the concerted efforts of the editorial team which continually enhanced the magazine's content and the highly dedicated sales team, the Weekly managed to maintain its advertising revenue at the same level as that of last year despite the worsening economic environment.

Hi-TECH Weekly, a magazine that provides information on the latest news and developments in the computer world, was well received by its readers since it was revamped and sold as an independent magazine instead of a free supplement of the Daily in March 2001. Since then its circulation income and number of copies sold have shown a healthy and steady growth.

Ming Pao Monthly, City Children's Weekly and Ming Pao Publications all achieved satisfactory results during the six months' period.

Travel

The travel industry, which is already adversely affected by the economic slowdown, suffers even greater setback after the September-11 terrorist attacks on the US. Charming Holidays, the Group's tour operator in Hong Kong, reported a 19% decrease in the number of tour passengers during the period. Profit margins on the tour packages offered were also reduced due to the intense competition in the tour and travel related businesses. In order to remain competitive, Charming has been innovative and promoting new tourist attractions and offering new competitive tour packages to its customers. In addition to its traditionally strong long-haul tours, Charming also diversified its business to provide short-haul tour packages in the South East Asia region. The business generated from this new endeavor was encouraging. To capture on the business opportunities that might come after China's accession to WTO, Charming has also planned to seek opportunities of cooperating with local travel agents in the Mainland China in order to operate travel related businesses there.

The Delta Group, Charming Holidays' subsidiaries in North America, also experienced a 14% drop in revenue for the period. Nevertheless, Delta Group's operating profit for the period only decreased by about 4% as a result of the introduction of competitive tour packages and the continuous effective cost controls.

Internet

The Group's flagship website, "mingpao.com", continued to generate a steady stream of income through the provision of advertising space and a variety of on-line content. The website was widely acclaimed by its viewers for its rich and updated content. The number of page views and time spent per user on the website continued to grow healthily during the period. The cross-media selling scheme initiated last year which enabled advertisers to place advertisements both on-line and in the Group's other printed publications has proved to be well accepted and has since increased the website's on-line advertising income. In view of the downturn in the advertising market, the management continues to find ways to expand the business model for the website that would decrease its reliance on Internet advertising and content provision revenues. During the period, the website has successfully generated income through membership subscriptions and e-commerce transactions, both of which show signs of further growth. At the same time, stringent cost-savings measures have been taken to improve the operating efficiency of the various portals.

Charming Online Travel, a company incorporated in August 2000 to embark on on-line retail travel businesses, has generated a steady stream of income through its on-line ticketing and tour packaging businesses.

Financial position

The Group's total shareholders' funds were HK$590 million as at 30th September 2001 (31st March 2001: HK$647 million). When compared to the Group's long-term liabilities of HK$11.7 million (31st March 2001: HK$10.5 million), the gearing ratio at the balance sheet date was 1.98% (31st March 2001: 1.62%).

Outlook

The already weak local economy faces a further setback from the September-11 incident. Consumers' confidence in spending has been deterred, particularly on air travel and tourism, which affected the Group's travel related businesses. Moreover, the Group's various publications' advertising revenue will continue to be affected by the downturn in the advertising market which is unlikely to ease in the short term because of the current weakness in consumption demand. Nevertheless, with a raft of economic initiatives recently announced by the local government, we expect the local economy to begin recovering in the second half of next year. In the meantime, we will continue to exercise stringent cost controls and to enhance efficiencies in all operating units. With a healthy financial position and a dedicated management team, the Group is prepared to face the challenges in the current difficult operating environment.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' BENEFITS FROM RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

Pursuant to a Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme") approved at a special general meeting of the Company held on 21st August 2001, the directors of the Company may at their discretion invite full time employees including executive directors of the Company and its subsidiaries to take up options to subscribe for shares in the Company subject to the terms and conditions stipulated therein. Movements of the share options granted to the directors of the Company during the period were as follows:

			Number of shares involved in share options			
Name of director	Date of grant	Exercise price per share HK$	Balance at 1st April 2001	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Balance at 30th September 2001
Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King	31st August 2001	1.592	–	300,000	–	300,000
Mr TIONG Kiu King	31st August 2001	1.592	–	300,000	–	300,000
Dr TIONG Ik King	31st August 2001	1.592	–	300,000	–	300,000
Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong	31st August 2001	1.592	–	300,000	–	300,000
			–	1,200,000	–	1,200,000

The above options were granted at an aggregate consideration of HK$4 and are exercisable on or before 20th August 2011.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company, its subsidiaries, its holding company or its fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Company's directors, chief executives or their spouses or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in the Company or any other body corporate.

PARTICULARS OF SHARES HELD BY DIRECTORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

At 30th September 2001, the directors, chief executives and their associates had the following interests in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance ("SDI Ordinance"):

	Number of shares held			
Name of director	**Personal interests**	**Family interests**	**Corporate interests**	**Total interests**
Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King	150,000	–	252,487,700 *(Note)*	252,637,700
Mr TIONG Kiu King	611,000	147,000	–	758,000
Dr TIONG Ik King	–	–	252,487,700 *(Note)*	252,487,700
Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong	794,000	–	–	794,000

Note:
The corporate interest of Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King and Dr TIONG Ik King in the Company was jointly held through Conch Company Limited ("Conch") which holds 252,487,700 shares of the Company. 40% of the interest in Conch is held by Seaview Global Company Limited, a company jointly owned by Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King and Dr TIONG Ik King. In addition, Tan Sri Datuk TIONG Hiew King and Dr TIONG Ik King directly hold 25% and 22% of the interest in Conch respectively.

Save as disclosed above and those interests in respect of the Share Option Scheme disclosed under "Directors' and chief executives' benefits from rights to acquire shares", none of the directors, chief executives and their associates had any beneficial or non-beneficial interests in the share capital of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or its associated corporations at 30th September 2001 which is required to be disclosed pursuant to the SDI Ordinance.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS IN THE SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY

At 30th September 2001, the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance showed that China Strategic Holdings Limited was beneficially interested in 39,248,000 shares of the Company, representing approximately 10% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Save as disclosed above and those interests disclosed under "Particulars of shares held by directors, chief executives and their associates", the Company had not been notified of any other interests representing 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company at 30th September 2001.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the period. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the period.

CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members will be closed from Wednesday, 2nd January 2002, to Friday, 4th January 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed interim dividend of HK2 cents per ordinary share, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar and transfer office, Tengis Limited, at 4th Floor, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 31st December 2001. The interim dividend will be paid on Friday, 18th January 2002.

EMPLOYEES

The Group has approximately 1,450 employees, the majority of whom are employed in Hong Kong. The Group remunerates its employees based on industry practice and performance of individual employees. The Group also adopts a share option scheme for its staff of senior grade.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE OF THE LISTING RULES

None of the directors of the Company is aware of any information which would indicate that the Group is not, or was not, at any time during the six months ended 30th September 2001, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, except that independent non-executive directors were not appointed for a specific term as recommended therein. According to the Company's bye-law 182(iv), directors, including independent non-executive directors, shall retire by rotation at the annual general meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election where their re-appointments are reviewed. In the opinion of the directors, this meets the same objective of the Code of Best Practice.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited interim accounts for the six months ended 30th September 2001 with the directors.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		Unaudited Six months ended 30th September	
		2001	2000 Restated
	Note	**HK$'000**	HK$'000
Turnover	2	**573,323**	665,920
Cost of sales		**(438,024)**	(466,067)
Gross profit		**135,299**	199,853
Other income		**6,136**	8,662
Selling and distribution expenses		**(79,119)**	(97,544)
Administrative expenses		**(62,391)**	(67,039)
Other operating expenses		**(3,320)**	(4,785)
Gain on dilution of interest in a subsidiary		**–**	24,495
Operating (loss)/profit	3	**(3,395)**	63,642
Finance costs		**(4,490)**	(7,269)
		(7,885)	56,373
Share of losses of associated companies		**(4,236)**	–
(Loss)/profit before taxation		**(12,121)**	56,373
Taxation	4	**(3,497)**	(7,271)
(Loss)/profit after taxation		**(15,618)**	49,102
Minority interests		**1,626**	–
(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders		**(13,992)**	49,102
Dividends	5	**(51,005)**	(23,529)
Basic (loss)/earnings per share	6	**(3.6) cents**	12.5 cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	**Unaudited 30th September 2001 HK$'000**	Restated 31st March 2001 HK$'000
Intangible assets		**5,417**	5,667
Fixed assets		**387,907**	397,754
Interests in associated companies		**16,829**	19,402
Current assets			
Inventories		**50,615**	49,793
Other trading investments		**3,361**	427
Accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments	*7*	**176,352**	170,369
Tax recoverable		**1,430**	2,658
Cash and bank balances		**225,758**	342,458
		457,516	565,705
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued charges	*8*	**126,473**	115,213
Taxation		**2,687**	1,119
Short-term bank loans and overdrafts – secured		**106,014**	159,056
Current portion of long-term liabilities	*9*	**21,209**	44,111
		256,383	319,499
Net current assets		**201,133**	246,206
		611,286	669,029
Financed by:			
Share capital	*10*	**39,234**	39,234
Reserves	*11*	**550,722**	608,005
Shareholders' funds		**589,956**	647,239
Minority interests		**9,671**	11,297
Long-term liabilities	*9*	**11,659**	10,493
		611,286	669,029

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	**14,417**	62,687
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	**(42,401)**	(10,673)
Tax (paid)/refund	**(701)**	3,053
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities	**(9,903)**	8,482
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing	**(38,588)**	63,549
Net cash outflow from financing activities	**(30,233)**	(13,399)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	**(68,821)**	50,150
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	**229,078**	133,642
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	**(315)**	167
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**159,942**	183,959
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	**225,758**	305,065
Bank loans repayable within three months and overdrafts	**(65,816)**	(121,106)
	159,942	183,959

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th September 2001 HK$'000	2000 HK$'000
Exchange differences arising on translation of subsidiaries' accounts – net losses not recognised in the profit and loss account	**(133)**	(767)
(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders		
– as previously reported	**(13,992)**	50,227
– prior period adjustments	**–**	(1,125)
– as restated	**(13,992)**	49,102
Total recognised (losses)/gains	**(14,125)**	48,335

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

These unaudited interim accounts are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, and Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these interim accounts are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2001 except that the Group has adopted the new and revised SSAPs which became effective on 1st January 2001. The changes to the Group's accounting policies, and the effects of adopting them are set out below:

(a) *SSAP 9 (revised): Events after balance sheet date*

In accordance with the revised SSAP 9, the Group no longer recognises dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date as a liability at the balance sheet date. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively so that the comparatives presented have been restated to conform to the changed policy. The proposed special and final dividends, amounting to HK$43,158,000, previously recorded as current liabilities at 31st March 2001 have been restated and included in shareholders' funds.

(b) *SSAP 26: Segment reporting*

In Note 2 to these unaudited interim accounts, the Group has disclosed segment revenue and results as defined under SSAP 26. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical segments as the secondary reporting format. Comparative information has been given.

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies (Cont'd)

(c) *SSAP 29: Intangible assets*

In accordance with SSAP 29, internally generated publishing titles should not be recognised as intangible assets.

Previously the Group's internally generated principal publishing titles were stated at a value of HK$600,000,000 based upon a valuation carried out by Arthur Andersen & Co., Certified Public Accountants, on 30th September 1995. The adoption of SSAP 29 represents a change in accounting policy and the effect of this change has been accounted for as a prior period adjustment by setting off the publishing titles against the revaluation reserve at 30th September 2001 by HK$600,000,000. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively so that the comparatives presented have been restated by the same amount to conform to the changed policy.

Furthermore, SSAP 29 requires the Group's purchased publishing title of HK$10,000,000 which was included as an intangible asset and the HK$17,500,000 purchased publishing title of an associated company at 31st March 2001 be amortised on a straight-line basis over a maximum of 20 years since the date of purchase. As a result, the profit for the six months ended 30th September 2000 is reduced by HK$1,125,000 and the accumulated losses at 31 March 2001 are increased by HK$10,677,000.

(d) *SSAP 30: Business combinations and SSAP 31: Impairment of assets*

Previously positive and negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary and associated companies has been charged or credited to reserves in the year of acquisition. Under SSAP 30 "Business Combinations" and SSAP 31 "Impairment of Assets", goodwill is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and provision for impairment in value, if any. Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of not exceeding 20 years. Any impairment of goodwill is recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account immediately.

The Group has adopted the transitional provision of SSAP 30 that goodwill previously included in reserves need not be restated.

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies (Cont'd)

(e) SSAP 14 (revised): Leases

The revised SSAP 14 prescribes the accounting polices and disclosure requirements in relation to finance and operating leases. The adoption of the standard by the Group does not have any impact on these unaudited interim accounts except that disclosures set out in note 9 have been extended.

2 Segment information

The Group is principally engaged in the publication of Chinese newspapers, periodicals and books and provision of travel and travel related services.

The Group's turnover and results for the period, analysed by business segments and geographical segments, are as follows:

	Turnover Six months ended 30th September		Segment results Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000	**2001**	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000	**HK$'000**	HK$'000
Business segments:				
Publishing	**350,666**	408,893	**4,945**	49,235
Travel and travel related services	**190,921**	244,305	**2,613**	5,467
Internet businesses *(Note)*	**31,736**	12,722	**(15,452)**	(23,305)
	573,323	665,920	**(7,894)**	31,397
Unallocated expenses			**(735)**	(582)
			(8,629)	30,815
Net interest income			**744**	1,063
Gain on dilution of interest in a subsidiary			**–**	24,495
			(7,885)	56,373

Note: Internet businesses comprise advertising, provision of contents and travel related services through the Group's various portals.

2 Segment information (Cont'd)

	Turnover		Segment results	
	Six months ended 30th September		Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000	**2001**	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000	**HK$'000**	HK$'000
Geographical segments:				
Hong Kong	**392,576**	462,484	**(355)**	30,575
Canada	**116,545**	127,165	**1,614**	9,617
The United States of America	**52,699**	60,694	**(7,353)**	(7,568)
The Mainland China	**11,503**	15,577	**(1,800)**	(1,227)
	573,323	665,920	**(7,894)**	31,397
Unallocated expenses			**(735)**	(582)
			(8,629)	30,815
Net interest income			**744**	1,063
Gain on dilution of interest in a subsidiary			**–**	24,495
			(7,885)	56,373

3 Operating (loss)/profit

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging the following:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000
Cost of inventories sold	**92,429**	83,651
Depreciation		
– Owned fixed assets	**17,618**	16,977
– Leased fixed assets	**238**	–
Amortisation of intangible assets	**687**	1,125

4 Taxation

The amount of taxation charge in the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000
Hong Kong profits tax		
– current period	**2,268**	3,417
– under provision in previous years	**1,229**	3,854
Overseas taxation		
– current period	**–**	–
	3,497	7,271

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16% (2000: 16%) on the estimated assessable profits of the companies within the Group operating in Hong Kong for the period. Overseas taxation is provided at the relevant tax rates on the estimated assessable profits of the companies within the Group operating overseas for the period.

5 Dividends

	Six months ended 30th September	
	2001	2000
	HK$'000	HK$'000
Dividends declared before period end		
Special, paid, of HK8 cents per ordinary share	**31,388**	–
Final, paid, of HK3 cents per ordinary share (HK3 cents in the last corresponding period)	**11,770**	11,762
Dividends declared after period end		
Interim of HK2 cents per ordinary share (HK3 cents in the last corresponding period)	**7,847**	11,767
	51,005	23,529

6 (Loss)/earnings per share

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the unaudited loss attributable to shareholders for the period of HK$13,992,000 (2000: profit attributable to shareholders of HK$49,102,000) and the weighted average of 392,345,000 shares (2000: 392,059,000 shares) in issue during the period.

No diluted loss per share for the period ended 30th September 2001 is presented as the exercise of the outstanding share options of the Company would have an anti-dilutive effect. For the period ended 30th September 2000, no diluted earnings per share has been presented as there is no dilutive effect arising from the exercise of the outstanding share options of the Company.

7 Accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments

Included in accounts receivable, deposits and prepayments are trade receivables and their ageing analysis is as follows:

	0 to 60 days HK$'000	61 to 120 days HK$'000	121 to 180 days HK$'000	Over 180 days HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Balance at 30th September 2001	**91,342**	**38,170**	**12,243**	**5,053**	**146,808**
Balance at 31st March 2001	89,237	38,625	9,878	2,871	140,611

The Group allows in general a credit period of up to 90 days to its trade customers.

8 Accounts payable and accrued charges

Included in accounts payable and accrued charges are trade payables and their ageing analysis is as follows:

	0 to 60 days HK$'000	61 to 120 days HK$'000	121 to 180 days HK$'000	Over 180 days HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Balance at 30th September 2001	**56,082**	**3,106**	**1,522**	**4**	**60,714**
Balance at 31st March 2001	47,183	2,611	1,176	–	50,970

9 Long-term liabilities

	30th September 2001 HK$'000	31st March 2001 HK$'000
Bank loans – secured		
Not wholly repayable within five years	**23,141**	46,720
Obligations under finance leases	**9,727**	7,884
	32,868	54,604
Current portion of long-term liabilities	**(21,209)**	(44,111)
	11,659	10,493

At 30th September 2001, the Group's bank loans and finance lease liabilities were repayable as follows:

	30th September 2001 HK$'000	31st March 2001 HK$'000
Bank loans – secured		
Within one year	**18,511**	41,908
In the second year	**423**	420
In the third to fifth year	**1,268**	1,260
After the fifth year	**2,939**	3,132
	23,141	46,720

9 Long-term liabilities (Cont'd)

	30th September 2001 HK$'000	31st March 2001 HK$'000
Finance lease liabilities – minimum lease payments		
Within one year	**3,189**	2,622
In the second year	**3,113**	2,493
In the third to fifth year	**4,653**	3,707
	10,955	8,822
Future finance charges on finance leases	**(1,228)**	(938)
Present value of finance lease liabilities	**9,727**	7,884
The present value of finance lease liabilities is repayable as follows:		
Within one year	**2,698**	2,203
In the second year	**2,764**	2,233
In the third to fifth year	**4,265**	3,448
	9,727	7,884

10 Share capital

	Authorised ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each	
	No. of shares	HK$'000
At 1st April and 30th September 2001	500,000,000	50,000

	Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each	
	No. of shares	HK$'000
At 1st April and 30th September 2001	392,345,000	39,234

11 Reserves

	Share premium account HK$'000	Property revaluation reserve HK$'000	Publishing titles revaluation reserve HK$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK$'000	Difference arising on consolidation HK$'000	Reserve arising on consolidation HK$'000	Accumulated losses HK$'000	Total HK$'000
At 1st April 2001, as previously stated	589,765	145,096	600,000	356	(86)	(22,400)	1,878	(139,085)	1,175,524
Effect of adopting SSAP 9 (revised)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43,158	43,158
Effect of adopting SSAP 29	–	–	(600,000)	–	–	–	–	(10,677)	(610,677)
At 1st April 2001, as restated	589,765	145,096	–	356	(86)	(22,400)	1,878	(106,604)	608,005
Prior year dividends paid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(43,158)	(43,158)
Loss for the period (as restated for the effect of adopting SSAP 29)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(13,992)	(13,992)
Exchange adjustment	–	–	–	–	(133)	–	–	–	(133)
At 30th September 2001	589,765	145,096	–	356	(219)	(22,400)	1,878	(163,754)	550,722
Interim dividend, proposed *(Note)*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(7,847)	(7,847)
At 30th September 2001, after proposed interim dividend	589,765	145,096	–	356	(219)	(22,400)	1,878	(171,601)	542,875

Note: The proposed interim dividend is to be distributed from the Company's contributed surplus.

12 Comparative figures

Due to the adoption of the new and revised SSAPs during the current period as well as to be consistent with the presentation of the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2001, certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

By Order of the Board
TIONG Kiew Chiong
Director

Hong Kong, 14th December 2001