	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 <i>HK\$</i> ′000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25(a)	1,547	114,879
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Dividends received Interest received Interest paid	23(4)	2,489 7,298 (11,819)	391 6,381 (12,828)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(2,032)	(6,056)
TAX Profits tax paid			
Purchases of fixed assets Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets Additions of long term investments Purchases of short term investments Proceeds from disposal of an unconsolidated subsidiary Proceeds from sales of listed investments Decrease in pledged bank deposits Capital invested in an associate Advances to an associate Repayment from an associate		(16,010) 2,536 (9,215) (128,364) 9,058 90,951 9 — (50)	(4,176) 879 — (33,227) — 16,789 12,944 5 — 620
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(51,085)	(6,166)
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(51,570)	102,657
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from issue of shares New loans Share issue expenses Repayment of loans	25(b)	61,170 21,310 (1,824) (21,395)	39,312 — (960) (172,569)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		59,261	(134,217)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		7,691	(31,560)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year Less: Cash and cash equivalents held by		113,289	160,411
an unconsolidated subsidiary			(15,562)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		120,980	113,289
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances Time deposits with original maturity of less		90,264	68,602
than three months when required		30,716	44,687
		120,980	113,289