## Consolidated Balance Sheet

31st December, 2004

	Notes	2004	2003
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Cash and short term funds	12	2,182,133	2,456,475
Placements with banks and other financial institutions			
maturing between one and twelve months	13	902,249	881,373
Amounts due from reinsurance companies		24,653	33,470
Premium receivables	14	125,241	137,195
Other investment in securities	15	739,172	547,665
Bank deposits maturing over twelve months		11,362	11,362
Certificates of deposit held	16	989,974	718,372
Held-to-maturity securities	17	2,291,397	1,885,772
Advances and other assets	18	8,111,856	7,496,436
Investment securities	19	346,094	422,292
Interests in jointly-controlled entities	21	63,349	55,875
Loans to jointly-controlled entities	21	26,500	25,197
Interests in associates	22	69,750	67,373
Due from associates	22	602	528
Intangible assets	23	743	887
Fixed assets	24	378,330	390,539
		16,263,405	15,130,811

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## Consolidated Balance Sheet (cont'd)

31st December, 2004

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Issued capital	26	1,058,021	1,058,021
Reserves	27	2,272,501	2,137,247
Proposed final dividend	10	79,352	76,178
		3,409,874	3,271,446
LIABILITIES			
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial			
institutions	28	592,678	307,077
Deposits from customers	29	10,224,795	9,422,536
Certificates of deposit issued	30	1,025,000	1,193,000
Accrued liabilities and other payables		221,394	244,301
Tax payable		25,170	26,110
Amounts due to reinsurance companies		160,169	158,138
Unearned premiums	31	204,414	197,721
Life and contingency reserves	32	16,873	14,489
Provisions for outstanding claims	33	337,988	249,180
Deferred tax liabilities	25	17,679	19,432
		12,826,160	11,831,984
MINORITY INTERESTS		27,371	27,381
		16,263,405	15,130,811

Robin Y.H. Chan Chairman

## Lau Ki Chit

Executive Director