For the year ended 31st December 2004

	Note(s)	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Net cash used in operation Hong Kong profits tax refund/(paid)	28(a)	(154,349) 849	(43,931) (877)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(153,500)	(44,808)
Investing activities			
Purchase of subsidiaries in 2003 Purchase of subsidiaries in 2004 Direct expenses incurred for acquisition of additional interests of subsidiaries in	28(c)(ii) 28(c)(i)	10,265	22,142
Technology segment	28(d)	(250)	-
 Proceeds from partial disposal of investment in a subsidiary Interest income from authorised financial institutions Dividend income Purchase of fixed assets Decrease/(increase) in pledged bank deposits Proceeds from disposal of investment property Proceeds from disposal of other fixed assets Purchase of investment securities Purchases of other investments less proceeds from subsequent disposals Disposal of other investments acquired in previous years Increase in amount due from a jointly controlled entity Increase in long term deposits Decrease/(increase) in other non-current assets 	5	446 938 (49,770) 127 83,000 2,168 (4,000) (2,112) - (25,145) (10,561) 405	4,200 712 200 (8,366) (184) - 326 (19,837) (30,452) 4,000 - (3,247)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		5,511	(30,506)
Net cash outflow before financing		(147,989)	(75,314)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from exercise of share options Proceeds from issue of rights shares Proceeds from issue of shares Share issuance expenses Interest paid Repayment of finance lease Repayment of bank loan Short-term bank borrowings, net Dividend paid Repayment of former shareholders' loans Increase in shareholders' loan	28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b) 28(b)	16,935 394,680 (16,576) (4,199) (482) 15,000 (3,776) (24,556) 23,158	4,306 105,333 (2,441) (2,007)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing		400,184	(1,144)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		252,195 142,771	(76,458) 219,229
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year		394,966	142,771
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Bank balances and cash Time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired		136,719	125,770
		258,247	17,001
		394,966	142,771