# **Monthly Members Meeting on 15 April**

Time and Venue: 6:30pm, 7/F High Block, City Hall, Central, Hong Kong

# Show and Tell by members

# Monthly Members Meeting on ZOOM on 17 April

Federation of Inter-Asian Philately is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Show and Tell Time: 17 April 2025, 09:00 PM Hong Kong SAR Host: Dr. Andrew Cheung

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81996333666?pwd=cGyaiReugGfAaxRuEpb9qWnLzKVglX.1

Meeting ID: 819 9633 3666 Passcode: 753419

# Stampex 2025

2005 Hong Kong Stampex will be held at the Sheung Wan Civic Centre from 2 to 5 May. The opening hours are 10:00 to 6:30pm, closing 4pm on 5 May. There will be competitive and non-competitive exhibits of about 100 frames and booths from local and overseas stamp dealers. The 2025 Society journal will also be distributed to members and for sale on site. All interested are welcome.

# AGM 2025

The Society will hold the AGM in the China Club on 23 May. Members please read the April Newsletter for the announcement.

# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

POON SUK CHING

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee present their report and the annual financial statements of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society ("the Society") for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Society is engaged in promoting general philately in Hong Kong.

#### **RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

The deficit of the Society for the year ended 31 August 2024 and the state of affairs of the Society as at that date are set out in the annexed financial statements.

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The name of the persons who were the Executive Committee members of the Society during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

Chan Man Wai Anthony Chan Tsan Yan Stephen Cheung Chuk Ping Tony Cheung Man Tak Andrew Hammersley Malcolm Pang Kam Tuen Pamela Shaw Pang Chui Szeto Fook Tim Daniel Tang Man Chung John Yue Tung Fong

# PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

According to Article 87 of the Society's Articles of Society, permitted indemnity provisions is in force during the financial year and at the time of approval of this report.

# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Continued)

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Society were entered into or existed during the year.

# MEMBERS' INTERESTS

All Executive Committee members declared to the committee that they have no interest in any material contracts, whether directly or indirectly, entered into by the Society during the year.

# BUSINESS REVIEW

The Society falls within reporting exemption for the year ended 31 August 2024 pursuant to sections 359(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap.622). Accordingly, the Society is exempted from preparing a business review.

### AUDITOR

The financial statements have been audited by Poon Suk Ching Certified Public Accountant who retire and, being eligible, offer herself for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

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Chairman Hong Kong, **11 APR 2025** 

Poon Suk Ching

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY (incorporated in Hong Kong and limited by guarantee)

I have audited the financial statements of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society ("the Society") set out on pages 5 to 11, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2024, and the income statement for the year ended 31 August 2024 and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Society are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Hong Kong Small and Medium-sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard (SME-FRS) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

I conducted my audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") and with reference to Practice Note 900 (Revised) *Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with the Small and Medium-sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard* issued by the HKICPA. My responsibility under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the HKICPA's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code"), and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The executive committee members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the executive committee set out in pages 1 to 2 but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The executive committee members are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the SME-FRS issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, for such internal control as the executive committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the executive committee members are responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the executive committee members either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Cont'd) TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY (incorporated in Hong Kong and limited by guarantee)

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my audit, on those financial statements and to report my opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. I do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform
  audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my
  opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud
  may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Poon Suk Ching Certified Public Accountant (Practising Certificate No P03159) Hong Kong, 1 1 APR 2025

# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Property, plant and equipment	7	-	-
Current assets Accounts receivables		104,480	106,321
Deposits and prepayments Cash and cash equivalents	8	15,013 641,169 760,662	13,267 726,398 845,986
Current Liabilities Accruals Receipt in advance		15,009 75,781 90,790	48,771 75,531 124,302
Net Current Assets		669,872	721,684
Total Assets		669,872	721,684
Representing by :-			
Funds Accumulated Fund	9	669,872	721,684

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 11 APR 2025

0 Director

Director

The annexed notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
INCOME			
Subscriptions received from ordinary members Bank interest income Auction income Donation received Exchange difference Other income		21,757 26,244 9,800 1,000 288	22,985 17,934 21,730 1,000 168 114
TOTAL INCOME	4	59,089	63,931
EXPENDITURE Administrative expenses Deficit on activities Deficit on printing of journal Finance cost		87,975 1,865 21,060 1	135,241 35,518 13,690
		110,901	184,449
(DEFICIT) BEFORE TAX		(51,812)	(120,518)
TAXATION	5	-	-1
(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	9	(51,812)	(120,518)

The annexed notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital incorporated under the Companies Ordinance. The address of its registered office is located at 25/F., Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong. The principal activity of the Society is promoting general philately in Hong Kong.

Under the provisions of the Society's Memorandum and Society, every member shall, in the event of the Society being would up, contribute such amount as may be required to meet the liabilities of the Society but not exceeding \$100 per member.

Unless stated otherwise, all currency figures in these financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars (HK\$), which are the same as the functional currency of the Society.

# 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

a. Statement of compliance

These financial statements comply with the Small and Medium-sized Entity Financial Reporting Standard ("SME-FRS") and have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting and on the basis that the Society is a going concern.

- b. Historical cost convention The measurement base adopted is the historical cost convention.
- c. Basis of measurement The measurement bases used in preparing these financial statements are set out in note 3 to the financial statements.

# 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Society qualifies for the reporting exemption as a small private company under section 359(1)(a) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and is therefore entitled to prepare and present its annual financial statements in accordance with SME-FRS. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Small and Medium-sized Entity Financial Reporting Framework and Financial Reporting Standard (SME-FRS) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

# 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The followings are the specific accounting policies that are necessary for a proper understanding of the financial statements.

#### a. Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Society and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- (i) revenue arising from membership fee is recognised when the cash is received;
- (ii) donations and contributions are recognised as income on cash basis;
- (iii) sale of goods is recognised when the goods are delivered and the risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the customer;
- (iv) commission income is recognised when services are rendered; and
- (v) interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis taking into account the principal outstanding and the interest applicable.
- b. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives, on the straight line basis, at the following annual rates:

Office equipment and books	10%
Computer equipment	25%

The gain or loss on disposal or retirement of a fixed asset recognised in the income statement is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

c. Impairment of assets

An assessment is made at the end of the reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment or reversal of previous impairment, including items of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and long-term investments. In the event that an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, the carrying amount is reduced to recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognized in the income statement. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estiamtes used to determine the recoverable amount, however not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortization or depreciation), had no impairment losses been recognized for the asset in prior years.

# 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## d. Taxation

Current tax is recognised as income or expense, except to the extent that the tax arises from a transaction or event that is recognised other than in the income statement, based on estimated taxable profit using the tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Current tax for current and prior reporting periods is, to the extent unpaid (or refundable), recognised as a liability (or an asset).

Deferred tax is not recognised.

# e. Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at estimated realisable value after each debt has been considered individually. Where the payment of a debt becomes doubtful a provision is made and taken in the income statement.

## f. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and at bank and demand deposits with bank. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### 4 REVENUE

An analysis of the society's revenue is as follows:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Subscriptions received from ordinary members	21,757	22,985
Bank interest income	26,244	17,934
Auction income	9,800	21,730
Donation received	1,000	1,000
Exchange difference	288	168
Sundry income	<b>-</b> 0	114
	59,089	63,931

#### 5 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has not been provided as the Society has incurred loss during the year (2023: Nil).

# 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EMOLUMENTS

Emoluments of the executive committee members of the Society disclosed pursuant to section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation are as follow:

The Executive Committee members received no emoluments for their services during the year (2023: Nil).

Loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favour of committee member of the society disclosed pursuant to section 383(1)(d) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 3 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation are as follows:

None of the committee member has made loans, quasi-loans or other dealings during the year (2023: Nil).

### 7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Office equipment and books HK\$	Computer equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
2,009	12,468	14,477
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# CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS2024<br/>2023<br/>HK\$2023<br/>HK\$Deposits with banks641,169726,398

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposits rates. The carrying amounts of the cash and cash equivalents approximate to their fair values.

# 9 ACCUMULATED FUND

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	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Balance as at 1 September	721,684	842,202
Add: (Deficit) for the year	(51,812)	(120,518)
Balance as at 31 August	669,872	721,684