

Chief Telecom Inc. and Subsidiaries

**Consolidated Financial Statements for the
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 and
Independent Auditors' Review Report**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Directors and Shareholders
Chief Telecom Inc.

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Chief Telecom Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”) as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the nine months then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statement”). Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers, and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Republic of China. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the consolidated financial statements based on our reviews.

Scope of Review

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the Standards on Review Engagements of the Republic of China 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity”. A review of consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our reviews, nothing has come to our attention that caused us to believe that the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, its consolidated financial performance for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers, and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission of the Republic of China.

The engagement partners on the reviews resulting in this independent auditors' review report are Yih-Shin Kao and Mei Yen Chiang.

Deloitte & Touche
Taipei, Taiwan
Republic of China

November 2, 2023

Notice to Readers

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are intended only to present the consolidated financial position, financial performance and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in the Republic of China and not those of any other jurisdictions. The standards, procedures and practices to review such consolidated financial statements are those generally applied in the Republic of China.

For the convenience of readers, the independent auditors' review report and the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been translated into English from the original Chinese version prepared and used in the Republic of China. If there is any conflict between the English version and the original Chinese version or any difference in the interpretation of the two versions, the Chinese-language independent auditors' review report and consolidated financial statements shall prevail.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

ASSETS	September 30, 2023		December 31, 2022		September 30, 2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 6 and 25)	\$ 1,512,106	24	\$ 2,361,816	41	\$ 1,881,408	34
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Notes 7 and 25)	411	-	439	-	432	-
Notes receivable (Notes 8 and 25)	4,029	-	3,991	-	3,381	-
Trade receivables, net (Notes 8 and 25)	211,310	3	184,704	3	198,331	3
Trade receivables from related parties (Notes 8, 25 and 26)	42,992	1	40,832	1	38,538	1
Inventories	3,368	-	3,561	-	4,034	-
Prepayments (Note 26)	83,662	1	53,012	1	54,604	1
Other financial assets (Notes 9 and 25)	400,675	6	113,224	2	463,419	9
Other current assets (Note 26)	19,239	-	22,678	-	22,936	-
Total current assets	<u>2,277,792</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>2,784,257</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>2,667,083</u>	<u>48</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS						
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Notes 10 and 25)	113,606	2	121,440	2	118,965	2
Property, plant and equipment (Note 12)	1,634,907	25	1,099,243	19	943,440	17
Right-of-use assets (Note 13)	2,332,008	36	1,656,028	29	1,681,297	31
Intangible assets (Note 14)	50,890	1	53,185	1	53,789	1
Deferred income tax assets (Notes 4 and 20)	1,621	-	2,118	-	1,679	-
Other noncurrent assets (Notes 25 and 26)	35,814	1	35,069	1	36,600	1
Total noncurrent assets	<u>4,168,846</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>2,967,083</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>2,835,770</u>	<u>52</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,446,638</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 5,751,340</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 5,502,853</u>	<u>100</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Contract liabilities (Notes 18 and 26)	\$ 38,552	1	\$ 52,978	1	\$ 54,901	1
Notes payable (Note 25)	69	-	75	-	28	-
Accounts payable (Note 25)	41,033	1	42,089	1	44,241	1
Accounts payable to related parties (Notes 25 and 26)	71,074	1	67,055	1	90,446	2
Other payables (Notes 15 and 25)	352,348	6	305,725	5	310,328	5
Current tax liabilities (Notes 4 and 20)	64,400	1	119,718	2	61,494	1
Lease liabilities - current (Notes 13, 25 and 26)	87,581	1	93,653	2	92,770	2
Other current liabilities	26,135	-	18,651	-	19,182	-
Total current liabilities	<u>681,192</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>699,944</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>673,390</u>	<u>12</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES						
Deferred tax liabilities (Notes 4 and 20)	1,555	-	552	-	1,617	-
Lease liabilities - noncurrent (Notes 13, 25 and 26)	2,323,462	36	1,630,490	28	1,653,788	30
Net defined benefit liabilities (Notes 4, 16 and 19)	10,484	-	10,959	-	8,986	-
Guarantee deposits (Notes 25 and 26)	71,919	1	81,583	2	79,619	2
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,407,420</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>1,723,584</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1,744,010</u>	<u>32</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,088,612</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>2,423,528</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>2,417,400</u>	<u>44</u>
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PARENT (Note 17)						
Capital stock	778,194	12	707,449	12	706,824	13
Capital surplus	1,353,597	21	1,349,141	24	1,336,916	24
Retained earnings						
Legal reserve	495,424	8	411,916	7	411,916	8
Special reserve	1,988	-	10,926	-	10,926	-
Unappropriated earnings	723,231	11	835,320	15	604,539	11
Total retained earnings	1,220,643	19	1,258,162	22	1,027,381	19
Other equity	(4,300)	-	(1,990)	-	(857)	-
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	3,348,134	52	3,312,762	58	3,070,264	56
NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	9,892	-	15,050	-	15,189	-
Total equity	<u>3,358,026</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>3,327,812</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>3,085,453</u>	<u>56</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,446,638</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 5,751,340</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$ 5,502,853</u>	<u>100</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Except Earnings Per Share)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30				For the Nine Months Ended September 30			
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
NET REVENUE (Notes 18 and 26)	\$ 822,216	100	\$ 766,245	100	\$ 2,417,880	100	\$ 2,281,697	100
OPERATING COSTS (Notes 16, 19 and 26)	<u>426,047</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>405,178</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>1,242,794</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>1,210,020</u>	<u>53</u>
GROSS PROFIT	<u>396,169</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>361,067</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>1,175,086</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1,071,677</u>	<u>47</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES (Notes 16, 19 and 26)								
Marketing	80,076	10	81,491	11	239,614	10	230,119	10
General and administrative	31,340	4	28,963	4	92,105	4	88,784	4
Research and development	5,446	-	4,300	-	14,916	-	11,465	-
Expected credit loss (gain) (Note 8)	<u>334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,126)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>117,196</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>115,534</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>346,023</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>329,242</u>	<u>14</u>
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES (Note 19)	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>278,981</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>245,533</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>829,709</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>742,453</u>	<u>33</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES								
Interest income	8,705	1	3,374	-	24,992	1	8,594	-
Other income	5,014	1	4,396	1	5,197	-	5,375	-
Other gains and losses	4,590	1	9,590	1	7,093	1	18,633	1
Interest expense (Notes 19 and 26)	<u>(11,965)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(7,349)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(26,663)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(22,299)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Total non-operating income and expenses	<u>6,344</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10,011</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10,619</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10,303</u>	<u>-</u>
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	285,325	35	255,544	33	840,328	35	752,756	33
INCOME TAX (Notes 4 and 20)	<u>55,911</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>49,749</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>169,953</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>148,088</u>	<u>6</u>
NET INCOME	<u>229,414</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>205,795</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>670,375</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>604,668</u>	<u>27</u>
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)								
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:								
Unrealized gain or loss on investments in equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(6,909)	(1)	(3,558)	(1)	(7,834)	-	(3,167)	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:								
Exchange differences arising from the translation of the foreign operations	<u>4,530</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6,744</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,667</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income (loss), net of income tax	<u>(2,379)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>\$ 227,035</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 208,981</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$ 668,101</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 615,168</u>	<u>27</u>

(Continued)

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Except Earnings Per Share)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30				For the Nine Months Ended September 30			
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
NET INCOME								
ATTRIBUTABLE TO								
Shareholders of the parent	\$ 228,923	28	\$ 205,619	27	\$ 669,930	28	\$ 604,304	27
Noncontrolling interests	<u>491</u>	-	<u>176</u>	-	<u>445</u>	-	<u>364</u>	-
	<u>\$ 229,414</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 205,795</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$ 670,375</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 604,668</u>	<u>27</u>
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME								
ATTRIBUTABLE TO								
Shareholders of the parent	\$ 226,258	28	\$ 208,689	27	\$ 667,620	28	\$ 614,373	27
Noncontrolling interests	<u>777</u>	-	<u>292</u>	-	<u>481</u>	-	<u>795</u>	-
	<u>\$ 227,035</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 208,981</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>\$ 668,101</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>\$ 615,168</u>	<u>27</u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE								
(Note 21)								
Basic	<u>\$ 2.94</u>		<u>\$ 2.64</u>		<u>\$ 8.61</u>		<u>\$ 7.78</u>	
Diluted	<u>\$ 2.94</u>		<u>\$ 2.64</u>		<u>\$ 8.58</u>		<u>\$ 7.75</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

(Concluded)

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Except Dividends Per Share)

	Equity Attributable to Shareholders of the Parent (Note 17)							Other Equity		Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Capital Stock		Capital Surplus	Retained Earnings			Total	Exchange Differences Arising from the Translation of Foreign Operations	Unrealized Gain or Loss on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income		
	Shares (In Thousands)	Amount		Legal Reserve	Special Reserve	Unappropriated Earnings					
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2022	70,470	\$ 704,701	\$ 1,346,535	\$ 343,336	\$ 6,991	\$ 687,687	\$ 1,038,014	\$ (8,887)	\$ (2,039)	\$ 14,394	\$ 3,092,718
Appropriation of 2021 earnings											
Legal reserve	-	-	-	68,580	-	(68,580)	-	-	-	-	-
Special reserve	-	-	-	-	3,935	(3,935)	-	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends - \$8.70 per share	-	-	-	-	-	(614,937)	(614,937)	-	-	-	(614,937)
Donations from shareholders	-	-	248	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	248
Issuance of cash dividends from capital surplus	-	-	(42,409)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(42,409)
Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	604,304	604,304	-	-	364	604,668
Other comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,236	(3,167)	431	10,500
Total comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2022	-	-	-	-	-	604,304	604,304	13,236	(3,167)	795	615,168
Issuance of ordinary shares under employee share options	212	2,123	25,194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,317
Share-based payment transactions (Note 22)	-	-	7,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,348
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	70,682	\$ 706,824	\$ 1,336,916	\$ 411,916	\$ 10,926	\$ 604,539	\$ 1,027,381	\$ 4,349	\$ (5,206)	\$ 15,189	\$ 3,085,453
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2023	70,745	\$ 707,449	\$ 1,349,141	\$ 411,916	\$ 10,926	\$ 835,320	\$ 1,258,162	\$ 743	\$ (2,733)	\$ 15,050	\$ 3,327,812
Appropriation of 2022 earnings											
Legal reserve	-	-	-	83,508	-	(83,508)	-	-	-	-	-
Special reserve	-	-	-	-	(8,938)	8,938	-	-	-	-	-
Share dividends - \$1.0 per share	7,074	70,745	-	-	-	(70,745)	(70,745)	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends - \$9.0 per share	-	-	-	-	-	(636,704)	(636,704)	-	-	-	(636,704)
Cash dividends distributed by subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,639)	(5,639)
Donations from shareholders	-	-	275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	275
Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2023	-	-	-	-	-	669,930	669,930	-	-	445	670,375
Other comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,524	(7,834)	36	(2,274)
Total comprehensive income for the nine months ended September 30, 2023	-	-	-	-	-	669,930	669,930	5,524	(7,834)	481	668,101
Share-based payment transactions (Note 22)	-	-	4,181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,181
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	77,819	\$ 778,194	\$ 1,353,597	\$ 495,424	\$ 1,988	\$ 723,231	\$ 1,220,643	\$ 6,267	\$ (10,567)	\$ 9,892	\$ 3,358,026

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income before income tax	\$ 840,328	\$ 752,756
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation expense	131,970	129,716
Amortization expense	4,809	6,891
Expected credit loss reversed	(612)	(1,126)
Net loss on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	28	183
Finance costs	26,663	22,299
Interest income	(24,992)	(8,594)
Dividend income	(4,944)	(4,944)
Compensation cost of employee share options	4,181	7,348
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(646)	(18)
Gain on disposal of financial assets	-	(726)
(Reversal of) provision for impairment loss and obsolescence of inventory	(1,867)	561
Unrealized gain on foreign currency exchange	(6,982)	(9,814)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Notes receivable	(38)	(494)
Trade receivables	(22,934)	(16,698)
Trade receivables from related parties	(2,120)	(3,264)
Inventories	2,060	(2,263)
Prepayments	(30,650)	(17,660)
Other current assets	3,207	4,192
Contract liabilities	(14,426)	16,340
Notes payable	(6)	(7,916)
Accounts payable	(1,547)	(7,738)
Accounts payable to related parties	4,019	34,143
Other payables	59,218	71,821
Other current liabilities	7,484	6,958
Net defined benefit plans	(475)	(532)
Cash generated from operations	971,728	971,421
Interest paid	(26,663)	(22,299)
Income tax paid	(223,771)	(177,544)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>721,294</u>	<u>771,578</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	(3,302)
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	(6,893)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	9,570

(Continued)

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	\$ (606,552)	\$ (437,881)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	904	18
Acquisition of intangible assets	(1,327)	(2,222)
Acquisition of time deposits with maturities of more than three months	(398,415)	(483,625)
Proceeds from disposal of time deposits with maturities of more than three months	112,915	1,661,810
Decrease in noncurrent assets	4,111	5,550
Interest received	25,224	8,614
Dividends received	4,944	4,944
Net cash (used in) generated from investing activities	<u>(858,196)</u>	<u>756,583</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
(Decrease) increase in guarantee deposits	(9,664)	13,543
Repayment of the principal portion of lease liabilities	(69,031)	(69,628)
Cash dividend paid	(636,704)	(657,346)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(5,639)	-
Employee share options exercised	-	27,317
Donations from shareholders	275	248
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(720,763)</u>	<u>(685,866)</u>
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>7,955</u>	<u>19,177</u>
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(849,710)	861,472
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>2,361,816</u>	<u>1,019,936</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 1,512,106</u>	<u>\$ 1,881,408</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

(Concluded)

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 AND 2022 (In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)

1. GENERAL

Chief Telecom Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Chief” or the “Company”) was incorporated in January 1991, mainly offering network integration, internet data center (“IDC”), communications integration, and cloud application services. Chief and its subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Group”.

On June 5, 2018, the common shares of Chief were listed and traded on the Taipei Exchange (the “TPEX”).

Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd., the parent company of the Group, and its subsidiaries were holding 58.67%, 58.67% and 58.72% of the shares of the Group as of September 30, 2023, December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, respectively.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Chief’s functional currency, the New Taiwan dollar.

2. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements were approved by Chief’s board of directors on November 2, 2023.

3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

- a. Initial application of the amendments to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), International Accounting Standards (IAS), IFRIC Interpretations (IFRIC), and SIC Interpretations (SIC) (collectively, the “IFRSs”) endorsed and issued into effect by the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC)

The initial application of the amendments to the IFRSs endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC did not have material impact on the Group’s accounting policies.

- b. Amendments to IFRSs endorsed by the FSC for application starting from January 1, 2024

<u>New IFRSs</u>	<u>Effective Date Announced by IASB (Note)</u>
Amendments to IAS 1 “Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current”	January 1, 2024
Amendments to IAS 1 “Non-current Liabilities with Covenants”	January 1, 2024

Note: Unless stated otherwise, the above IFRSs are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after their respective effective dates.

- c. The IFRSs in issue but not yet endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC

New IFRSs	Effective Date Announced by IASB (Note)
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 “Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture”	To be determined by IASB

Note: Unless stated otherwise, the above IFRSs are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after their respective effective dates.

As of the date the consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue, the Group is continuously assessing the possible impact that the amendments to the above standards and interpretations will have on the Group’s financial position and operating results and will disclose the relevant impact when the assessment is completed.

4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

Statement of Compliance

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers and IAS 34, “Interim Financial Reporting,” endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC. The consolidated financial statements do not present all the disclosures required for a complete set of annual consolidated financial statements prepared under the IFRSs endorsed and issued into effect by the FSC.

Basis of Preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values and net defined benefit liabilities which are measured at the present value of the defined benefit obligations less the fair value of plan assets.

The fair value measurements, which are grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value measurement inputs are observable and based on the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, are described as follows:

- a. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- b. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- c. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and the entities controlled by the Company (i.e., its subsidiaries). When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those of the Group. All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated in full upon consolidation. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

See Note 11, and Table 3 and Table 4 for detailed information on subsidiaries, percentages of ownership and main businesses.

Other Material Accounting Policies

Except for the following, please refer to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

a. Defined benefit retirement benefits

Pension cost for an interim period is calculated on a year-to-date basis by using the actuarially determined pension cost rate at the end of the prior financial year, adjusted for significant market fluctuations since that time or for other significant one-off events.

b. Income tax expense

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. Interim period income taxes are assessed on an annual basis and calculated by applying to an interim period's pre-tax income the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

5. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, management is required to make judgments, estimations and assumptions which are based on historical experience and other factors that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed by management on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Refer to the statements of material accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Cash on hand	\$ 156	\$ 150	\$ 150
Bank deposits	128,912	280,246	452,758
Cash equivalents (investments with maturities of less than three months)			
Time deposits	1,283,245	2,081,420	1,428,500
Commercial papers	<u>99,793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,512,106</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,881,408</u>

The annual yield rates of bank deposits, time deposits and commercial papers as of balance sheet dates were as follows:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Bank deposits	0.05%-1.45%	0.15%-1.05%	0.01%-0.70%
Time deposits	0.55%-1.35%	0.31%-4.30%	0.68%-2.78%
Commercial papers	0.70%	-	-

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
<u>Financial assets - current</u>			
Mandatorily measured at FVTPL			
Non-derivatives			
Listed shares - domestic	<u>\$ 411</u>	<u>\$ 439</u>	<u>\$ 432</u>

The Group holds its listed shares - domestic for short-term investment purposes.

8. NOTES AND TRADE RECEIVABLES, NET (INCLUDING RELATED PARTIES)

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
<u>Notes receivable</u>			
Notes receivable - operating	<u>\$ 4,029</u>	<u>\$ 3,991</u>	<u>\$ 3,381</u>
<u>Trade receivables</u>			
At amortized cost			
Gross carrying amount	\$ 256,248	\$ 228,100	\$ 239,328
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	<u>(1,946)</u>	<u>(2,564)</u>	<u>(2,459)</u>
	<u>\$ 254,302</u>	<u>\$ 225,536</u>	<u>\$ 236,869</u>

The main credit terms for the Group's sale of products range from 30 to 90 days. The Group adopted a policy of only dealing with entities that are rated the equivalent of investment grade or higher. The Group uses other publicly available financial information or its own trading records to rate its major customers. The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored.

The Group measures the loss allowance for notes and trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses (ECLs). The expected credit losses on notes and trade receivables are estimated using a provision matrix prepared by reference to the past default experience of the customer, the customer's current financial position, economic condition of the industry in which the customer operates, as well as the GDP forecasts. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not show significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the provision for loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished according to the Group's different customer base.

The Group writes off a note or trade receivable when there is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation. For notes or trade receivables that have been written off, the Group continues to engage in enforcement activity to attempt to recover the receivables due. Where recoveries are made, these are recognized in profit or loss.

The following table details the loss allowance of notes and trade receivables based on the Group's provision matrix.

September 30, 2023

	Not Past Due	1 to 60 Days Past Due	61 to 90 Days Past Due	91 to 120 Days Past Due	Over 120 Days Past Due	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0%-0.24%	0.64%-2.31%	22.75%	42.70%	60.48%-100%	
Gross carrying amount	\$ 206,344	\$ 52,851	\$ 27	\$ 67	\$ 988	\$ 260,277
Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	<u>(411)</u>	<u>(549)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(951)</u>	<u>(1,946)</u>
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 205,933</u>	<u>\$ 52,302</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ 37</u>	<u>\$ 258,331</u>

December 31, 2022

	Not Past Due	1 to 60 Days Past Due	61 to 90 Days Past Due	91 to 120 Days Past Due	Over 120 Days Past Due	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0%-0.29%	0.67%-2.44%	12.58%	37.89%	71.54%-100%	
Gross carrying amount	\$ 180,664	\$ 49,649	\$ 91	\$ 45	\$ 1,642	\$ 232,091
Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	<u>(462)</u>	<u>(466)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(1,608)</u>	<u>(2,564)</u>
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 180,202</u>	<u>\$ 49,183</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 34</u>	<u>\$ 229,527</u>

September 30, 2022

	Not Past Due	1 to 60 Days Past Due	61 to 90 Days Past Due	91 to 120 Days Past Due	Over 120 Days Past Due	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0%-0.24%	0.62%-2.39%	12.53%	37.84%	71.49%-100%	
Gross carrying amount	\$ 185,625	\$ 54,825	\$ 397	\$ 360	\$ 1,502	\$ 242,709
Loss allowance (Lifetime ECLs)	<u>(349)</u>	<u>(530)</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>(1,394)</u>	<u>(2,459)</u>
Amortized cost	<u>\$ 185,276</u>	<u>\$ 54,295</u>	<u>\$ 347</u>	<u>\$ 224</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>	<u>\$ 240,250</u>

The movements of the loss allowance of notes and trade receivables were as follows:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
Balance at January 1	\$ 2,564	\$ 3,647
Less: Reversal of credit loss	(612)	(1,126)
Less: Amounts written off	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(62)</u>
Balance at September 30	<u>\$ 1,946</u>	<u>\$ 2,459</u>

9. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Time deposits with maturities of more than three months	\$ <u>400,675</u>	\$ <u>113,224</u>	\$ <u>463,419</u>

The annual yield rates of time deposits with maturities of more than three months at the balance sheet dates were as follows:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Time deposits with maturities of more than three months	1.45%-4.80%	0.95%-2.70%	0.09%-2.70%

10. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
<u>Non-current</u>			
Investments in equity instruments			
Listed shares - domestic	\$ 112,402	\$ 120,236	\$ 118,681
Unlisted shares - domestic	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>284</u>
	<u>\$ 113,606</u>	<u>\$ 121,440</u>	<u>\$ 118,965</u>

The Group holds preferred shares of WPG Holdings Limited and WT Microelectronics Co., Ltd., and common shares of 3 Link Information Service Co., Ltd. for long-term strategic purposes. Accordingly, management elected to designate these investments in equity instruments as at FVTOCI as it believes that recognizing short-term fluctuations in these investments' fair value in profit or loss would not be consistent with the Group's strategy of holding these investments for long-term purposes.

11. SUBSIDIARIES

Subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements were as follows:

Investor	Investee	Nature of Activities	Proportion of Ownership (%)		
			September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Chief Telecom Inc.	Unigate Telecom Inc.	Telecommunications and internet service	100	100	100
	Chief International Corp.	Telecommunications and internet service	100	100	100
	Shanghai Chief Telecom Co., Ltd.	Telecommunications and internet service	49	49	49

According to the mutual agreements among shareholders of Shanghai Chief Telecom Co., Ltd. ("SCT"), since the Company has two of three seats in SCT's board of directors, the Company has control over SCT; therefore, SCT is deemed a subsidiary of the Group. SCT mainly operates in the telecommunications and data service business.

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Computer Equipment	Telecommuni- cations Equipment	Miscellaneous Equipment	Construction in Progress and Equipment to Be Accepted	Total
<u>Cost</u>					
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 20,030	\$ 1,962,943	\$ 5,299	\$ 330,071	\$ 2,318,343
Additions	131	12,699	-	411,005	423,835
Disposals	(27)	(2,606)	(3)	-	(2,636)
Reclassifications	-	3,255	-	(4,338)	(1,083)
Effect of foreign exchange differences	14	-	-	-	14
Balance at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 20,148</u>	<u>\$ 1,976,291</u>	<u>\$ 5,296</u>	<u>\$ 736,738</u>	<u>\$ 2,738,473</u>
<u>Accumulated depreciation and impairment</u>					
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ (18,480)	\$ (1,723,238)	\$ (4,966)	\$ -	\$ (1,746,684)
Depreciation expense	(395)	(50,384)	(195)	-	(50,974)
Disposals	27	2,606	3	-	2,636
Effect of foreign exchange differences	(11)	-	-	-	(11)
Balance at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ (18,859)</u>	<u>\$ (1,771,016)</u>	<u>\$ (5,158)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,795,033)</u>
Carrying amount at January 1, 2022	<u>\$ 1,550</u>	<u>\$ 239,705</u>	<u>\$ 333</u>	<u>\$ 330,071</u>	<u>\$ 571,659</u>
Carrying amount at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 1,289</u>	<u>\$ 205,275</u>	<u>\$ 138</u>	<u>\$ 736,738</u>	<u>\$ 943,440</u>
<u>Cost</u>					
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 22,789	\$ 1,982,312	\$ 5,296	\$ 893,762	\$ 2,904,159
Additions	2,640	48,683	-	542,635	593,958
Disposals	(58)	(93,953)	(80)	-	(94,091)
Reclassifications	866	57,245	-	(59,298)	(1,187)
Effect of foreign exchange differences	1	-	-	-	1
Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 26,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,287</u>	<u>\$ 5,216</u>	<u>\$ 1,377,099</u>	<u>\$ 3,402,840</u>
<u>Accumulated depreciation and impairment</u>					
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ (19,033)	\$ (1,780,694)	\$ (5,189)	\$ -	\$ (1,804,916)
Depreciation expense	(833)	(51,074)	(86)	-	(51,993)
Disposals	58	88,839	80	-	88,977
Effect of foreign exchange differences	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ (19,809)</u>	<u>\$ (1,742,929)</u>	<u>\$ (5,195)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,767,933)</u>
Carrying amount at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 3,756</u>	<u>\$ 201,618</u>	<u>\$ 107</u>	<u>\$ 893,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,243</u>
Carrying amount at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 6,429</u>	<u>\$ 251,358</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ 1,377,099</u>	<u>\$ 1,634,907</u>

No impairment assessment was performed for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, as there was no indication of impairment.

The construction of the Company's IDC was resolved in the board of directors' meeting on January 26, 2021. Physical construction has commenced with costs incurred recognized in construction in progress and equipment to be accepted under property, plant and equipment.

The above items of property, plant and equipment used by the Group are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer equipment	3-5 years
Telecommunications equipment	
Telecommunication circuits	2-30 years
Telecommunication machinery and antennas equipment	2-30 years
Miscellaneous equipment	
Mechanical and air conditioner equipment	3-5 years
Others	3-5 years

13. LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

a. Right-of-use assets

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	
<u>Carrying amount</u>				
Land	\$ 563,512	\$ 572,394	\$ 575,355	
Buildings	1,767,984	1,082,168	1,105,092	
Transportation equipment	<u>512</u>	<u>1,466</u>	<u>850</u>	
	<u>\$ 2,332,008</u>	<u>\$ 1,656,028</u>	<u>\$ 1,681,297</u>	
	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Additions to right-of-use assets			<u>\$ 756,246</u>	<u>\$ 1,628</u>
Depreciation charge for right-of-use assets				
Land	\$ 2,961	\$ 2,961	\$ 8,882	\$ 8,882
Buildings	23,820	22,919	70,428	68,695
Transportation equipment	<u>212</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>1,165</u>
	<u>\$ 26,993</u>	<u>\$ 26,272</u>	<u>\$ 79,977</u>	<u>\$ 78,742</u>

Except for the aforementioned addition and recognized depreciation, the Group did not have significant impairment of right-of-use assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

b. Lease liabilities

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
<u>Carrying amount</u>			
Current	\$ 87,581	\$ 93,653	\$ 92,770
Non-current	<u>2,323,462</u>	<u>1,630,490</u>	<u>1,653,788</u>
	<u>\$ 2,411,043</u>	<u>\$ 1,724,143</u>	<u>\$ 1,746,558</u>

Range of discount rates for lease liabilities was as follows:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Land	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%
Buildings	1.565%-2.10%	1.19%-1.70%	1.19%-1.70%
Transportation equipment	1.19%-1.44%	1.19%-1.44%	1.19%-2.50%

c. Material leasing activities and terms

The Group leases land and buildings with lease terms ranging from 1 to 50 years. These arrangements contain renewal options to extend the lease upon expiration.

Extension options are included in the land and building leases across the Group. Extension options are included to provide greater flexibility to the Group. Since the Group is reasonably certain to use the optional extended lease term, payments associated with the optional period are included within lease liabilities.

For the needs for business development, the Company's board of directors resolved to renew the building lease agreement with the fellow subsidiary, Light Era, in April 2023, and this transaction was resolved by the shareholders in their meeting on June 29, 2023. The transaction increased the right-of-use assets and the corresponding lease liabilities by \$739,314 thousand, respectively.

d. Other lease information

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Expenses relating to low-value asset leases	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 133</u>	<u>\$ 133</u>
Total cash outflow for leases			<u>\$ 95,615</u>	<u>\$ 91,944</u>

The Group's leases of certain office equipment qualify as low-value asset leases. The Group has elected to apply the recognition exemption and thus, did not recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for these leases.

14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer Software	Others	Total
<u>Cost</u>			
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 58,289	\$ 31,533	\$ 89,822
Additions	2,222	-	2,222
Reclassifications	<u>1,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,083</u>
Balance at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 61,594</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 93,127</u>
<u>Accumulated amortization</u>			
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ (32,447)	\$ -	\$ (32,447)
Amortization expense	<u>(6,891)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,891)</u>
Balance at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ (39,338)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (39,338)</u>
Carrying amount at January 1, 2022	<u>\$ 25,842</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 57,375</u>
Carrying amount at September 30, 2022	<u>\$ 22,256</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 53,789</u>
<u>Cost</u>			
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ 63,530	\$ 31,533	\$ 95,063
Additions	1,327	-	1,327
Reclassifications	<u>1,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,187</u>
Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 66,044</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 97,577</u>
<u>Accumulated amortization</u>			
Balance at January 1, 2023	\$ (41,878)	\$ -	\$ (41,878)
Amortization expense	<u>(4,809)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,809)</u>
Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ (46,687)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (46,687)</u>
Carrying amount at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 21,652</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 53,185</u>
Carrying amount at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 19,357</u>	<u>\$ 31,533</u>	<u>\$ 50,890</u>

Computer software is amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 3 to 8 years. Other intangible asset is an IP address acquired separately, which is considered to have an indefinite useful life and is not amortized, since only an annual fee is necessary to maintain its usage rights, and there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash flows.

15. OTHER PAYABLES

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Payables for salaries and bonuses	\$ 168,716	\$ 172,159	\$ 152,444
Payables for accrued compensation of employees and remuneration of directors	137,506	80,613	120,536
Payables for purchases of equipment	3,357	15,951	501
Others	<u>42,769</u>	<u>37,002</u>	<u>36,847</u>
	<u>\$ 352,348</u>	<u>\$ 305,725</u>	<u>\$ 310,328</u>

16. RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

a. Defined contribution plans

The Group adopted a pension plan under the Labor Pension Act (LPA), which is a state-managed defined contribution plan. Under the LPA, the Group makes monthly contributions to employees' individual pension accounts at 6% of monthly salaries and wages.

b. Defined benefit plans

For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the pension expenses of defined benefit plans were \$33 thousand, \$11 thousand, \$99 thousand and \$34 thousand, respectively, and these were calculated based on the pension cost rate determined by the actuarial calculation on December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

17. EQUITY

a. Share capital - ordinary shares

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Number of shares authorized (in thousands)	<u>88,000</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>88,000</u>
Shares authorized	<u>\$ 880,000</u>	<u>\$ 880,000</u>	<u>\$ 880,000</u>
Number of shares issued and fully paid (in thousands)	<u>77,819</u>	<u>70,745</u>	<u>70,682</u>
Shares issued	<u>\$ 778,194</u>	<u>\$ 707,449</u>	<u>\$ 706,824</u>

Each issued ordinary share with par value of \$10 is entitled the right to vote and receive dividends.

On February 17, 2022, the Company's board of directors resolved to issue 212.25 thousand shares with par value of \$10, as new shares designated for subscription when the share options of 2022 are exercised, and the subscription base date was determined by the board of directors to be March 16, 2022. On April 11, 2022, the above transaction was approved by Department of Commerce, MOEA.

On December 15, 2022, the Company's board of directors resolved to issue 62.5 thousand shares with par value of \$10, as new shares designated for subscription when the share options of 2022 are exercised, and the subscription base date was determined by the board of directors to be December 16, 2022. On January 4, 2023, the above transaction was approved by Department of Commerce, MOEA.

On June 29, 2023, the Company's shareholders resolved to issue 7,074 thousand shares with par value of \$10 from the retained earnings which will increase the share capital issued and fully paid to \$778,194 thousand. The above transaction has been approved by the FSC on July 14, 2023, and the subscription base date was determined by the board of directors to be August 25, 2023. On September 12, 2023, the above transaction was approved by Department of Commerce, MOEA.

b. Capital surplus

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Issuance of ordinary shares	\$ 1,335,782	\$ 1,335,782	\$ 1,317,299
Employee share options	16,527	12,346	18,604
Donations	<u>1,288</u>	<u>1,013</u>	<u>1,013</u>
	<u>\$ 1,353,597</u>	<u>\$ 1,349,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,336,916</u>

Capital surplus arising from share premium and donated capital, except due to unclaimed dividends, may be utilized to offset deficit. Furthermore, when the Company has no deficit, it may be distributed in cash or capitalized, which however is limited to a certain percentage of the Company's paid-in capital.

Capital surplus arising from employee share option plans cannot be utilized; however, upon expiration, the capital surplus transferred may be used to offset deficit.

c. Retained earnings and dividends policy

Under the dividends policy as set forth in the Company's Articles of Incorporation, where the Company made a profit distribution or offset of deficit can be made after the end of each fiscal year. When the Company made a profit in a fiscal year, the profit shall be first utilized for paying taxes, offsetting losses of previous years, setting aside as legal reserve 10% of the remaining profit, setting aside or reversing a special reserve in accordance with the laws and regulations, and then any remaining profit together with any undistributed retained earnings shall be used by the Company's board of directors as the basis for proposing a distribution plan, which should be resolved in the shareholders' meeting for the distribution of dividends and bonuses to shareholders. For the distribution in cash, the board of directors shall be authorized to distribute the profit in cash upon resolution by a majority vote at a board meeting attended by two-thirds or more of the directors, to distribute all or part of dividends and bonuses in cash, and a report of such distribution shall be submitted in the shareholders' meeting. Such distribution does not apply the preceding shareholders' approval requirement.

For the policies on the distribution of compensation of employees and remuneration of directors, refer to compensation of employees and remuneration of directors in Note 19(e).

An appropriation of earnings to a legal reserve shall be made until the legal reserve equals the Company's paid-in capital. The legal reserve may be used to offset deficit. If the Company has no deficit and the legal reserve has exceeded 25% of the Company's paid-in capital, the excess may be transferred to capital or distributed in cash.

The Company should appropriate a special reserve for cumulative net debit balance of other equity items from prior period. Distributions can be made out of any subsequent reversal of the cumulative net debit balance of other equity items.

The appropriations of earnings for 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	<u>Appropriation of Earnings</u>		<u>Dividends Per Share (NT\$)</u>	
	<u>For Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>For Fiscal Year 2021</u>	<u>For Fiscal Year 2022</u>	<u>For Fiscal Year 2021</u>
Legal reserve	\$ 83,508	\$ 68,580		
(Reversal) appropriation of special reserve	(8,938)	3,935		
Cash dividends	636,704	614,937	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.70
Share dividends	70,745	-	1.00	-

The above 2022 and 2021 appropriations for cash dividends were resolved by the board of directors on February 16, 2023 and were resolved by the shareholders in their meeting on June 7, 2022, respectively.

The appropriation for share dividends of \$1 per share, for a total of \$70,745 thousand for 2022, was proposed by the board of directors on February 16, 2023, and it had been resolved by the shareholders in their meeting on June 29, 2023. The appropriation for cash dividends from capital surplus of \$0.6 per share, for a total of \$42,409 thousand for 2021, was resolved by the shareholders in their meeting on June 7, 2022.

The other appropriations for 2021 and 2022 have been resolved by the shareholders in their meeting on June 7, 2022 and on June 29, 2023, respectively.

Information on the appropriation of the Company's earnings approved by the shareholders is available at the Market Observation Post System website.

18. REVENUE

	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30</u>		<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Major products and service revenue				
Revenue from data service	\$ 361,144	\$ 344,630	\$ 1,064,003	\$ 1,022,189
Revenue from IDC service	252,890	235,840	761,896	716,018
Revenue from cloud service	133,455	125,352	389,976	366,245
Revenue from voice service	<u>74,727</u>	<u>60,423</u>	<u>202,005</u>	<u>177,245</u>
	<u>\$ 822,216</u>	<u>\$ 766,245</u>	<u>\$ 2,417,880</u>	<u>\$ 2,281,697</u>
Revenue from contracts with customers				
Revenue from telecommunications service	\$ 821,640	\$ 762,131	\$ 2,385,206	\$ 2,230,408
Revenue from rendering of services	-	3,455	30,602	50,406
Revenue from sale of goods	<u>576</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>883</u>
	<u>\$ 822,216</u>	<u>\$ 766,245</u>	<u>\$ 2,417,880</u>	<u>\$ 2,281,697</u>

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	January 1, 2022
<u>Contract liabilities</u>				
Telecommunications business	<u>\$ 38,552</u>	<u>\$ 52,978</u>	<u>\$ 54,901</u>	<u>\$ 38,557</u>

The changes in the balance of contract liabilities primarily result from the timing difference between the satisfaction of performance obligations and the respective customer's payment.

Revenue that was recognized from the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$5,329 thousand, \$2,203 thousand, \$33,685 thousand and \$27,504 thousand, respectively.

19. NET INCOME

a. Other operating income and expenses

	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30</u>		<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30</u>	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 646</u>	<u>\$ 18</u>

b. Finance costs

	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30</u>		<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30</u>	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Interest on lease liabilities	\$ 11,896	\$ 7,298	\$ 26,451	\$ 22,183
Other	<u>69</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>116</u>
	<u>\$ 11,965</u>	<u>\$ 7,349</u>	<u>\$ 26,663</u>	<u>\$ 22,299</u>

c. Depreciation and amortization expenses

	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30</u>		<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30</u>	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 18,182	\$ 16,437	\$ 51,993	\$ 50,974
Right-of-use assets	26,993	26,272	79,977	78,742
Intangible assets	<u>1,632</u>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>6,891</u>
	<u>\$ 46,807</u>	<u>\$ 45,076</u>	<u>\$ 136,779</u>	<u>\$ 136,607</u>

(Continued)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
An analysis of depreciation by function				
Operating costs	\$ 42,508	\$ 40,300	\$ 124,272	\$ 122,522
Operating expenses	<u>2,667</u>	<u>2,409</u>	<u>7,698</u>	<u>7,194</u>
	<u>\$ 45,175</u>	<u>\$ 42,709</u>	<u>\$ 131,970</u>	<u>\$ 129,716</u>
An analysis of amortization by function				
Operating costs	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,752	\$ 4,278	\$ 5,044
Operating expenses	<u>124</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>1,847</u>
	<u>\$ 1,632</u>	<u>\$ 2,367</u>	<u>\$ 4,809</u>	<u>\$ 6,891</u>

(Concluded)

d. Employee benefits expense

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Post-employment benefits				
Defined contribution plan	\$ 2,048	\$ 1,945	\$ 6,049	\$ 5,535
Defined benefit plans (Note 16)	<u>33</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>34</u>
	<u>2,081</u>	<u>1,956</u>	<u>6,148</u>	<u>5,569</u>
Share-based payment				
Employee share options (Note 22)	<u>1,393</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>4,181</u>	<u>7,348</u>
Other employee benefits				
Salaries	87,296	84,988	256,557	240,590
Insurance	5,285	4,990	15,455	14,357
Other employee benefits	<u>23,995</u>	<u>21,685</u>	<u>70,765</u>	<u>63,993</u>
	<u>116,576</u>	<u>111,663</u>	<u>342,777</u>	<u>318,940</u>
Total employee benefits expense	<u>\$ 120,050</u>	<u>\$ 116,069</u>	<u>\$ 353,106</u>	<u>\$ 331,857</u>
An analysis of employee benefits expense by function				
Operating costs	\$ 13,838	\$ 11,449	\$ 38,386	\$ 33,046
Operating expenses	<u>106,213</u>	<u>104,620</u>	<u>314,720</u>	<u>298,811</u>
	<u>\$ 120,051</u>	<u>\$ 116,069</u>	<u>\$ 353,106</u>	<u>\$ 331,857</u>

e. Compensation of employees and remuneration of directors

According to the Company's Articles, the Company accrues compensation of employees and remuneration of directors at rates between 3.5% and 6.9% and no higher than 2.3%, respectively, of net profit before income tax, compensation of employees, and remuneration of directors. The compensation of employees and the remuneration of directors for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Compensation of employees	<u>\$ 21,107</u>	<u>\$ 18,925</u>	<u>\$ 62,244</u>	<u>\$ 55,760</u>
Remuneration of directors	<u>\$ 840</u>	<u>\$ 840</u>	<u>\$ 2,520</u>	<u>\$ 2,520</u>

If there is a change in the amounts after the annual consolidated financial statements are authorized for issue, the differences are recorded as a change in the accounting estimate.

The appropriations of employees' compensation and the remuneration of directors of for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, which were resolved by the Company's board of directors on February 16, 2023 and February 17, 2022, respectively, were as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31	
	2022	2021
	Cash	Cash
Compensation of employees	<u>\$ 77,253</u>	<u>\$ 63,366</u>
Remuneration of directors	<u>\$ 3,360</u>	<u>\$ 3,360</u>

There was no difference between the actual amounts of compensation of employees and remuneration of directors paid and the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Information on the compensation of employees and remuneration of directors resolved by the board of directors is available at the Market Observation Post System website.

20. INCOME TAX

a. Income tax recognized in profit or loss

Major components of income tax expense are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current tax				
In respect of the current period	\$ 55,439	\$ 48,335	\$ 168,454	\$ 146,163
Deferred tax				
In respect of the current period	<u>472</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,925</u>
Income tax expense recognized in profit or loss	<u>\$ 55,911</u>	<u>\$ 49,749</u>	<u>\$ 169,953</u>	<u>\$ 148,088</u>

b. Income tax assessments

The income tax returns through 2021 of Chief and Unigate have been examined by the tax authorities.

21. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Net income and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of earnings per share were as follows:

Net Income

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income used to compute the basic and diluted earnings per share				
Net income attributable to the parent	<u>\$ 228,923</u>	<u>\$ 205,619</u>	<u>\$ 669,930</u>	<u>\$ 604,304</u>

Weighted Average Number of Shares

(Thousand Shares)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the computation of basic earnings per share	77,819	77,757	77,819	77,699
Effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares				
Employee share options	66	23	63	81
Compensation of employees	<u>60</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>241</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the computation of diluted earnings per share	<u>77,945</u>	<u>77,847</u>	<u>78,104</u>	<u>78,021</u>

Chief may settle the compensation of employees in cash or shares; therefore, the Company assumes that the entire amount of the compensation will be settled in shares, and the resulting potential shares are included in the weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the computation of diluted earnings per share, as the effect is dilutive. Such dilutive effect of the potential shares is included in the computation of diluted earnings per share until the number of shares to be distributed to employees is resolved in the following year.

The weighted average number of shares outstanding used for the earnings per share computation was adjusted retroactively for the issuance of bonus shares on August 25, 2023. The basic and diluted earnings per share adjusted retrospectively for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2022 were as follows:

Unit: NT\$ Per Share

	<u>Before Retrospective Adjustment</u>		<u>After Retrospective Adjustment</u>	
	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022</u>	<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022</u>	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022</u>	<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 2.91</u>	<u>\$ 8.56</u>	<u>\$ 2.64</u>	<u>\$ 7.78</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 2.90</u>	<u>\$ 8.52</u>	<u>\$ 2.64</u>	<u>\$ 7.75</u>

22. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Employee share option plan of the Company:

<u>Effective Date for Plan Registration</u>	<u>Resolution Date by the Board of Directors</u>	<u>Units Granted</u>	<u>Exercise Price (NT\$)</u>
2020.09.16	2020.10.26	200.00	\$171.70 (Original price \$206.00)
2017.12.18	2018.10.31	50.00	\$130.30 (Original price \$147.00)
2017.12.18	2017.12.19	950.00	\$124.70 (Original price \$147.00)

Each option is eligible to subscribe for one thousand ordinary shares of the Company; the options are granted to qualified employees of the Company. For any subsequent changes in the Company's ordinary shares or the distribution of cash dividends, the exercise price is adjusted accordingly. The options granted are valid for 5 years and exercisable at certain percentages after the second anniversary from the grant date.

Compensation costs recognized for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	<u>For the Three Months Ended September 30</u>		<u>For the Nine Months Ended September 30</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Granted on November 13, 2020	\$ 1,393	\$ 2,433	\$ 4,181	\$ 7,296
Granted on October 31, 2018	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>\$ 1,393</u>	<u>\$ 2,450</u>	<u>\$ 4,181</u>	<u>\$ 7,348</u>

The Company modified the plan terms of share options granted on October 26, 2020 in July 2022 and August 2023; therefore, the exercise price changed from \$199.70 to \$193.50 and from \$193.50 to \$171.70 per share, respectively. The modification did not cause any incremental fair value.

The Company modified the plan terms of share options granted on October 31, 2018 in September 2021 and July 2022; therefore, the exercise price changed from \$138.70 to \$134.50 and from \$134.50 to \$130.30 per share, respectively. The modification did not cause any incremental fair value.

The Company modified the plan terms of share options granted on December 19, 2017 in September 2021 and July 2022; therefore, the exercise price changed from \$132.70 to \$128.70 and from \$128.70 to \$124.70 per share, respectively. The modification did not cause any incremental fair value.

Information on employee share options was as follows:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023	
	Granted on November 13, 2020	
	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price (NT\$)
Options outstanding at beginning of the period	142.25	\$ 193.50
Options exercised	-	-
Options forfeited	<u>(1.50)</u>	-
Options outstanding at end of the period	<u>140.75</u>	171.70
Options exercisable at end of the period	<u>0.50</u>	171.70
Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	2.12	

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022					
	Granted on November 13, 2020		Granted on October 31, 2018		Granted on December 19, 2017	
	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price (NT\$)	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price (NT\$)	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price (NT\$)
Options outstanding at beginning of the period	\$ 194.00	\$ 199.70	10.50	\$ 134.50	213.25	\$ 128.70
Options exercised	-	-	-	-	(212.25)	128.70
Options forfeited	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
Options outstanding at end of the period	<u>194.00</u>	193.50	<u>10.50</u>	130.30	<u>1.00</u>	124.70
Options exercisable at end of the period	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-	<u>1.00</u>	-
Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	3.12		1.08		0.22	

Chief evaluated the fair value of the options using the Black-Scholes model and binomial option pricing model and the related assumptions and the fair value of the options were as follows:

	Granted on November 13, 2020	Granted on October 31, 2018	Granted on December 19, 2017
Grant-date share price (NT\$)	\$356.00	\$166.00	\$95.92
Dividend yield	-	-	-
Risk-free interest rate	0.18%	0.72%	0.62%
Expected life	5 years	5 years	5 years
Expected volatility	34.61%	16.60%	17.35%
Weighted average fair value of grants (NT\$)	\$173,893	\$33,540	\$2,318

The expected volatility for the options granted in 2020 was based on Chief's average annualized historical share price volatility from June 5, 2018, Chief's listing date on Taipei Exchange, to the grant date. The expected volatilities for the options granted in 2017 and 2018 were based on the average annualized historical share price volatility of Chief's comparable companies before the grant date.

23. NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

The Group entered into the following non-cash investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
Increase in property, plant and equipment	\$ 593,958	\$ 423,835
Changes in payables for equipment	<u>12,594</u>	<u>14,046</u>
	<u>\$ 606,552</u>	<u>\$ 437,881</u>

24. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as going concerns while maximizing the return to stakeholders through the optimization of the debt and equity balance.

The Group adheres to "The Procedures for Acquisition or Disposal of Assets" for transactions involving shares of listed entities; refer to the Market Observation Post System website for information on related policies.

25. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a. Fair value of financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities of the Group that are not measured at fair value approximate their fair values.

b. Financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

1) Fair value hierarchy

September 30, 2023

	Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL</u>				
Listed shares - domestic	<u>\$ 411</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 411</u>
<u>Financial assets at FVTOCI</u>				
Investments in equity instruments				
Listed shares - domestic	\$ 112,402	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,402
Unlisted shares - domestic	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,204</u>
	<u>\$ 112,402</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,204</u>	<u>\$ 113,606</u>

December 31, 2022

	Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL</u>				
Listed shares - domestic	<u>\$ 439</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 439</u>
<u>Financial assets at FVTOCI</u>				
Investments in equity instruments				
Listed shares - domestic	\$ 120,236	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,236
Unlisted shares - domestic	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,204</u>
	<u>\$ 120,236</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,204</u>	<u>\$ 121,440</u>

September 30, 2022

	Fair Value			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<u>Financial assets at FVTPL</u>				
Listed shares - domestic	\$ <u>432</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>432</u>
<u>Financial assets at FVTOCI</u>				
Investments in equity instruments				
Listed shares - domestic	\$ 118,681	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,681
Unlisted shares - domestic	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>284</u>
	<u>\$ 118,681</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 284</u>	<u>\$ 118,965</u>

There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

2) Valuation techniques and inputs applied for Level 3 fair value measurement

The fair values of unlisted equity securities - domestic were determined using the income approach. In this approach, the discounted cash flow method was used to capture the present value of the expected future economic benefits to be derived from the ownership of these investees. An increase in long-term revenue growth rates or long-term pre-tax operating margin or a decrease in the WACC or discount for lack of marketability used in isolation would result in an increase in the fair value.

c. Categories of financial instruments

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 1)	\$ 2,179,536	\$ 2,713,195	\$ 2,595,010
Financial assets at FVTPL	411	439	432
Financial assets at FVTOCI			
Equity instruments	113,606	121,440	118,965
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Amortized cost (Note 2)	230,221	243,755	251,682

Note 1 The balances include financial assets at amortized cost, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, notes receivable, trade receivables, trade receivables from related parties, other financial assets, and refundable deposits (classified as noncurrent assets).

Note 2 The balances include financial liabilities at amortized cost, which comprise notes payable, accounts payable, accounts payable to related parties, partial other payables, and guarantee deposits.

d. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade receivables, accounts payable, and lease liabilities. The Group's Finance Department provides services to the business, and monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Group through internal risk reports that analyze exposures by degree and magnitude of risks. These risks include market risk (including foreign currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

1) Market risk

The Group's activities exposed it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates (see (a) below) and interest rates (see (b) below).

There has been no change to the Group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which these risks are managed and measured.

a) Foreign currency risk

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the balance sheet dates were as follows:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Assets			
USD	\$ 104,314	\$ 94,240	\$ 107,909
Liabilities			
USD	26,145	20,952	21,518

Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to the fluctuations of the U.S. dollar.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in the New Taiwan dollar against the U.S. dollar. The sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and representing management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates is 5%. The sensitivity analysis included only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items. A positive/negative number below indicates an increase/a decrease in pre-tax profit associated with the New Taiwan dollar weakening 5% against the U.S. dollar.

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022
Profit or loss		
Monetary assets and liabilities (Note)		
USD	\$ 3,908	\$ 4,320

Note: This is mainly attributable to the exposure on outstanding foreign currency bank deposits and foreign currency denominated receivables and payables of the Group at the balance sheet dates.

For a 5% strengthening of the New Taiwan dollar against the U.S. dollar, there would be an equal and opposite impact on pre-tax profit.

b) Interest rate risk

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities with exposure to interest rates at the end of the reporting period were as follows:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Fair value interest rate risk			
Financial assets	\$ 1,783,713	\$ 2,194,644	\$ 1,891,919
Financial liabilities	2,411,043	1,724,143	1,746,558
Cash flow interest rate risk			
Financial assets	128,902	280,236	452,748

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below was determined based on the Group's exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at the end of the reporting period. A 25 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 25 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's pre-tax profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 would have increased/decreased by \$242 thousand and \$849 thousand, respectively, which was mainly a result of variable-rate interest on the Group's bank deposits.

2) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. At the end of the period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk, which would cause a financial loss to the Group due to the failure of the counterparty to discharge its obligation and due to the financial guarantees provided by the Group, could be equal to their carrying amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet as of the balance sheet date.

The Group transacts with a large number of unrelated customers and thus, credit risk is not highly concentrated.

3) Liquidity risk

The Group manages liquidity risk by monitoring and maintaining a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

a) Liquidity and interest rate risk tables for non-derivative financial liabilities

The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of the Group's remaining contractual maturities for its non-derivative financial liabilities from the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay.

September 30, 2023

	On Demand or Less than 1 Month	1-3 Months	3 Months to 1 Year	1-5 Years	5+ Years	Total
<u>Non-derivative financial liabilities</u>						
Non-interest bearing	\$ 158,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,919	\$ -	\$ 230,221
Lease liabilities	<u>11,194</u>	<u>22,293</u>	<u>100,579</u>	<u>538,132</u>	<u>2,382,499</u>	<u>3,054,697</u>
	<u>\$ 169,496</u>	<u>\$ 22,293</u>	<u>\$ 100,579</u>	<u>\$ 610,051</u>	<u>\$ 2,382,499</u>	<u>\$ 3,284,918</u>

Further information on the maturity analysis of lease liabilities was as follows:

	Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	10-15 Years	15+ Years	Total
Lease liabilities	<u>\$ 134,066</u>	<u>\$ 538,132</u>	<u>\$ 656,000</u>	<u>\$ 636,584</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,915</u>	<u>\$ 3,054,697</u>

December 31, 2022

	On Demand or Less than 1 Month	1-3 Months	3 Months to 1 Year	1-5 Years	5+ Years	Total
<u>Non-derivative financial liabilities</u>						
Non-interest bearing	\$ 162,172	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,583	\$ -	\$ 243,755
Lease liabilities	<u>10,177</u>	<u>20,360</u>	<u>90,940</u>	<u>491,480</u>	<u>1,485,444</u>	<u>2,098,401</u>
	<u>\$ 172,349</u>	<u>\$ 20,360</u>	<u>\$ 90,940</u>	<u>\$ 573,063</u>	<u>\$ 1,485,444</u>	<u>\$ 2,342,156</u>

Further information on the maturity analysis of lease liabilities was as follows:

	Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	10-15 Years	15+ Years	Total
Lease liabilities	<u>\$ 121,477</u>	<u>\$ 491,480</u>	<u>\$ 603,987</u>	<u>\$ 300,375</u>	<u>\$ 581,082</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,401</u>

September 30, 2022

	On Demand or Less than 1 Month	1-3 Months	3 Months to 1 Year	1-5 Years	5+ Years	Total
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Non-interest bearing	\$ 172,063	\$	\$ -	\$ 79,619	\$ -	\$ 251,682
Lease liabilities	<u>10,209</u>	<u>20,196</u>	<u>90,577</u>	<u>490,837</u>	<u>1,516,194</u>	<u>2,128,013</u>
	<u>\$ 182,272</u>	<u>\$ 20,196</u>	<u>\$ 90,577</u>	<u>\$ 570,456</u>	<u>\$ 1,516,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,695</u>

Further information on the maturity analysis of lease liabilities was as follows:

	Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	5-10 Years	10-15 Years	15+ Years	Total
Lease liabilities	<u>\$ 120,982</u>	<u>\$ 490,837</u>	<u>\$ 605,779</u>	<u>\$ 324,975</u>	<u>\$ 585,440</u>	<u>\$ 2,128,013</u>

b) Financing facilities

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Unsecured bank loan facilities:			
Amount used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Amount unused	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>

26. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

a. Related party name and category

Related Party Name	Related Party Category
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	Parent company
Chunghwa System Integration Co., Ltd.	Fellow subsidiary
CHYP Multimedia Marketing & Communications Co., Ltd.	Fellow subsidiary
Spring House Entertainment Tech. Inc.	Fellow subsidiary
Light Era Development Co., Ltd. (Light Era)	Fellow subsidiary
Senao International Co., Ltd.	Fellow subsidiary
Honghwa International Co., Ltd. (Honghwa International)	Fellow subsidiary
Chunghwa Telecom Singapore Pte., Ltd. (Chunghwa Singapore)	Fellow subsidiary
Chunghwa Telecom Global, Inc.	Fellow subsidiary
Donghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	Fellow subsidiary
Chunghwa Telecom Japan Co., Ltd. (Chunghwa Japan)	Fellow subsidiary
KingwayTek Technology Co., Ltd.	Associate of the Company's parent
So-net Entertainment Taiwan Limited (So-net)	Associate of the Company's parent
Shenzhen Century Communication Co., Ltd.	Other related party (significant influence over subsidiary, Shanghai Chief Telecom Co., Ltd.)

- b. Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Transactions with related parties do not contain terms that differ significantly from transactions with non-related parties; in the event where no transaction of similar type can be referenced, transaction terms were negotiated separately by both parties.

1) Operating revenue

Related Party Category	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Parent company	\$ 51,365	\$ 51,017	\$ 151,441	\$ 173,245
Fellow subsidiaries				
Chunghwa Singapore	24,830	12,872	61,473	38,150
Others	1,791	1,618	5,553	4,951
Associates				
So-net	36,100	36,126	107,427	105,541
Others	22	22	66	66
Other related parties	<u>6,530</u>	<u>6,777</u>	<u>19,129</u>	<u>19,884</u>
	<u>\$ 120,638</u>	<u>\$ 108,432</u>	<u>\$ 345,089</u>	<u>\$ 341,837</u>

2) Operating costs and expenses

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Parent company	\$ 121,575	\$ 121,013	\$ 360,758	\$ 361,277
Fellow subsidiaries				
Light Era	21,725	21,085	64,316	63,255
Others	18,755	9,311	46,994	32,686
Associates	685	148	1,296	734
Other related parties	<u>679</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>2,181</u>
	<u>\$ 163,419</u>	<u>\$ 152,277</u>	<u>\$ 475,424</u>	<u>\$ 460,133</u>

3) Receivables from related parties

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	\$ 8,209	\$ 10,772	\$ 8,585
Fellow subsidiaries			
Chunghwa Singapore	9,961	5,760	5,036
Others	144	56	85
Associates			
So-net	24,670	24,244	24,824
Others	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>\$ 42,992</u>	<u>\$ 40,832</u>	<u>\$ 38,538</u>

4) Payables to related parties

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	\$ 63,016	\$ 60,896	\$ 86,165
Fellow subsidiaries			
Chunghwa Singapore	8,058	5,763	4,281
Others	<u>-</u>	<u>396</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 71,074</u>	<u>\$ 67,055</u>	<u>\$ 90,446</u>

5) Prepayments

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	\$ 12,393	\$ 21,821	\$ 24,964
Fellow subsidiaries	<u>-</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 12,393</u>	<u>\$ 21,844</u>	<u>\$ 24,964</u>

6) Payment on behalf of others (classified as other current assets)

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	<u>\$ 2,866</u>	<u>\$ 2,231</u>	<u>\$ 3,066</u>

7) Other deferred expenses (classified as other noncurrent assets)

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	<u>\$ 6,686</u>	<u>\$ 9,695</u>	<u>\$ 10,698</u>

8) Refundable deposits (classified as other noncurrent assets)

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	<u>\$ 3,410</u>	<u>\$ 3,476</u>	<u>\$ 3,476</u>

9) Lease arrangements

The Group leased right-of-use of land and office buildings from its parent company and fellow subsidiaries. The terms of the contracts were negotiated by both parties; lease payments are paid monthly.

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022	
<u>Lease liability</u>				
Parent company	\$ 579,527	\$ 583,491	\$ 584,802	
Light-Era	<u>1,778,255</u>	<u>1,082,413</u>	<u>1,102,391</u>	
	<u>\$ 2,357,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,665,904</u>	<u>\$ 1,687,193</u>	
	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<u>Interest expense</u>				
Parent company	\$ 2,317	\$ 2,338	\$ 6,966	\$ 7,029
Light-Era	<u>9,351</u>	<u>4,707</u>	<u>18,779</u>	<u>14,373</u>
	<u>\$ 11,668</u>	<u>\$ 7,045</u>	<u>\$ 25,745</u>	<u>\$ 21,402</u>

10) Contract liabilities

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Parent company	\$ 108	\$ 767	\$ 102
Fellow subsidiaries Chunghwa Japan	<u>66</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>67</u>
	<u>\$ 174</u>	<u>\$ 835</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>

11) Guarantee deposits received

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Fellow subsidiaries Honghwa International	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>

c. Compensation of key management personnel

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Short-term employee benefits	\$ 7,676	\$ 6,892	\$ 35,813	\$ 30,420
Post-employment benefits	203	202	607	600
Share-based payments	<u>238</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>1,204</u>
	<u>\$ 8,117</u>	<u>\$ 7,496</u>	<u>\$ 37,133</u>	<u>\$ 32,224</u>

The remuneration of directors and key executives, as determined by the remuneration committee, is based on the performance of individuals and market trends.

27. SIGNIFICANT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

The Group's significant financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies aggregated by the foreign currencies other than functional currencies of the entities in the Group and the related exchange rates between the foreign currencies and the respective functional currencies were as follows:

September 30, 2023

	Foreign Currency (Thousands)	Exchange Rate	New Taiwan Dollar (Thousands)
<u>Assets denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Cash and cash equivalents			
USD	\$ 322	32.27	\$ 10,399
Trade receivables			
USD	2,910	32.27	93,915
<u>Liabilities denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Accounts payable			
USD	810	32.27	26,145

December 31, 2022

	Foreign Currency	Exchange Rate	Carrying Amount
<u>Assets denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Cash and cash equivalents			
USD	\$ 445	30.71	\$ 13,662
Trade receivables			
USD	2,624	30.71	80,578
<u>Liabilities denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Accounts payable			
USD	682	30.71	20,952

September 30, 2022

	Foreign Currency (Thousands)	Exchange Rate	New Taiwan Dollar (Thousands)
<u>Assets denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Cash and cash equivalents			
USD	\$ 824	31.75	\$ 26,153
Trade receivables			
USD	2,575	31.75	81,756
<u>Liabilities denominated in foreign currencies</u>			
Monetary items			
Accounts payable			
USD	678	31.75	21,518

The significant realized and unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30		For the Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Unrealized exchange gains	\$ 3,996	\$ 2,658	\$ 6,982	\$ 9,815
Realized exchange gains	<u>618</u>	<u>6,939</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>8,281</u>
	<u>\$ 4,614</u>	<u>\$ 9,597</u>	<u>\$ 7,098</u>	<u>\$ 18,096</u>

It is impractical to disclose net foreign exchange gains (losses) by each significant foreign currency due to the variety of the functional currencies of the entities in the Group.

28. SEPARATELY DISCLOSED ITEMS

- a. Information on significant transactions and b. Information on investees:
- 1) Financing provided to others: None.
 - 2) Endorsements/guarantees provided: None.
 - 3) Marketable securities held (excluding investments in subsidiaries): Table 1.
 - 4) Marketable securities acquired or disposed of at costs or prices of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital: None.
 - 5) Acquisition of individual real estate at costs of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital: None.
 - 6) Disposal of individual real estate at prices of at least NT\$300 million or 20% of the paid-in capital: None.
 - 7) Total purchases from or sales to related parties amounting to at least NT\$100 million or 20% of the paid-in capital: Table 2.
 - 8) Receivables from related parties amounting to at least NT\$100 million or 20% of the paid-in capital: None.
 - 9) Trading in derivative instruments: None.
 - 10) Intercompany relationships and significant intercompany transactions: None.
 - 11) Information on investees: Table 3.
- c. Information on investments in mainland China: Table 4.
- d. Information of major shareholders: Table 5.

29. SEGMENT INFORMATION

According to information reported periodically to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has only one operating segment. The basis of measurement of income from operations is the same as that for the preparation of financial statements under IFRS 8 “Operating Segments” for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

MARKETABLE SECURITIES HELD (EXCLUDING INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(Amounts in Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)

Company Name	Type and Name of Marketable Securities	Relationship with the Company	Financial Statement Account	September 30, 2023				Note
				Shares (In Thousands/Thousand Units)	Carrying Amount	Percentage of Ownership (%)	Fair Value	
Chief Telecom Inc.	<u>Stocks</u>							
	WPG Holdings Limited	-	Financial assets at FVTOCI	2,102	\$ 96,482	-	\$ 96,482	Note
	WT Microelectronics Co., Ltd.	-	Financial assets at FVTOCI	361	15,920	-	15,920	Note
	3 Link Information Service Co., Ltd.	-	Financial assets at FVTOCI	374	1,204	10	1,204	-
	WPG Holding Limited	-	Financial assets at FVTPL	9	411	-	411	Note

Note: Preferred shares.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**TOTAL PURCHASES FROM OR SALES TO RELATED PARTIES AMOUNTING TO AT LEAST NT\$100 MILLION OR 20% OF THE PAID-IN CAPITAL
NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

(Amounts in Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)

Company Name	Related Party	Relationship	Transaction Details				Abnormal Transaction		Notes/Trade Receivables (Payables)	
			Purchase/Sale	Amount	% of Total	Payment Terms	Unit Price	Payment Terms	Ending Balance (Note 1)	% of Total
Chief Telecom Inc.	Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	Parent company	Sales	\$ 151,441	6	30 days	\$ -	-	\$ 7,381	3
	Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	Parent company	Purchases	360,441	30	30 days	-	-	(63,016)	(55)
	So-net Entertainment Taiwan Limited	Associate of the Company's parent	Sales	107,427	5	30 days	-	-	24,670	10

Note 1: Notes and trade receivables (payables) did not include the amounts collected for others and other receivables (payables).

Note 2: Transaction terms with related parties were determined in accordance with mutual agreements when there were no similar transactions with third parties. Other transactions with related parties were not significantly different from those with third parties.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

**NAMES, LOCATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION OF INVESTEEES IN WHICH THE COMPANY EXERCISES SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE
NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(In Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)**

Investor Company	Investee Company	Location	Main Businesses and Products	Original Investment Amount		Balance as of September 30, 2023			Net Income (Loss) of the Investee	Recognized Gain (Loss) (Notes 1 and 2)	Note
				September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	Shares (In Thousands)	Percentage of Ownership (%)	Carrying Value			
Chief Telecom Inc.	Unigate Telecom Inc.	Taiwan	Telecommunications and internet service	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	200	100	\$ 1,324	\$ 110	\$ 110	Subsidiary
	Chief International Corp.	Samoa Islands	Telecommunications and internet service	6,068	6,068	200	100	114,641	7,492	7,492	Subsidiary

Note 1: The amount was recognized based on audited financial statements.

Note 2: The amount was eliminated upon consolidation.

CHIEF TELECOM INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

INFORMATION ON INVESTMENTS IN MAINLAND CHINA
NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

(Amounts in Thousands of New Taiwan Dollars, Unless Stated Otherwise)

Investee	Main Businesses and Products	Total Amount of Paid-in Capital	Investment Type (Note 1)	Investment from Taiwan as of January 1, 2023	Investment Flows		Accumulated Outflow of Investment from Taiwan as of September 30, 2023	Net Income (Loss) of the Investee	% Ownership of Direct or Indirect Investment	Investment Gain (Loss) (Note 2)	Carrying Value as of September 30, 2023	Accumulated Inward Remittance of Earnings as of September 30, 2023	Note
					Outflow	Inflow							
Shanghai Chief Telecom Co., Ltd.	Telecommunications and internet service	\$ 10,150	a.	\$ 4,973	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,973	\$ 873	49	\$ 428	\$ 9,503	\$ 5,418	Note 4

Investee	Accumulated Investment in Mainland China as of September 30, 2023	Investment Amounts Authorized by Investment Commission, MOEA	Upper Limit on Investment Stipulated by Investment Commission, MOEA (Note 3)
Shanghai Chief Telecom Co., Ltd.	\$ 4,973	\$ 4,973	\$ 2,014,816

Note 1: Investments are divided into three categories as follows:

- a. Direct investment.
- b. Investments through a holding company registered in a third region.
- c. Others.

Note 2: The amount was recognized based on audited financial statements and the Group's share of profits.

Note 3: The amount was calculated based on 60% of the Group's consolidated net asset value.

Note 4: The amount was eliminated upon consolidation.

TABLE 5**CHIEF TELECOM INC.****INFORMATION OF MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Name of Major Shareholder	Shares	
	Number of Shares	Percentage of Ownership (%)
Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.	43,368,383	55.73

Note: The information of major shareholders presented in this table is provided by the Taiwan Depository & Clearing Corporation based on the number of ordinary shares held by shareholders with ownership of 5% or greater, that have been issued without physical registration by the Company as of the last business day for the current quarter. The share capital in the consolidated financial statements may differ from the actual number of shares that have been issued without physical registration because of different preparation basis.