ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

ADB	_	Asian Development Bank
ΑI	_	Authorised Institution
APEC	_	Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation
BAC	-	Banking Advisory Committee
BIS	- ,	Bank for International Settlements
BLR	_	Best lending rate
bn	<u> </u>	billion
bp	_	basis point(s)
CD	_	Certificates of deposit
CHATS	_	Clearing House Automatic Transfer System
CMU	_	Central Moneymarkets Unit
CPI(A)	_	Consumer Price Index (A)
DM	4	Deutschemark
DTCA		Deposit-taking Companies Association
DTCAC	_	Deposit-taking Companies Advisory Committee
DvP		Delivery versus Payment
ECG		Electronic Clearing
EERI		Effective Exchange Rate Index
EFAC		Exchange Fund Advisory Committee
EMEAP		Executives' Meeting of East Asia and Pacific Central Banks
FRCD		Floating rate certificates of deposit
FRN		Floating rate note
FXCD		
		Fixed rate certificates of deposit
GDP		Gross Domestic Product (in real terms unless otherwise stated)
GNP	_	Gross National Product (in real terms unless otherwise stated)
HIBOR		Hong Kong Interbank Offer Rate
HKAB		Hong Kong Association of Banks
HKICL	_	Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited
HKMA	-	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
HSBC	_	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
IFC	-	International Finance Corporation
IMF	-	International Monetary Fund
IPO	-	Initial Public Offerings
IRR	_	Interest Rate Rules
IT	-	Information Technology
LAF	_	Liquidity Adjustment Facility
LegCo	_	Legislative Council
MBS	_	Mortgage-backed securities
MTRC	_	Mass Transit Railway Corporation
mn	_	million
NCD	=	Negotiable certificates of deposit
OECD	_	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PBoC	_	People's Bank of China
PVP	-/-	Payment versus Payment
RLB	_	Restricted licence bank
ROA	_	Return on assets
RTGS		Real Time Gross Settlement
SEACEN	_	South East Asian Central Banks
SEANZA		South East Asia, New Zealand and Australia
SEHK		Stock Exchange of Hong Kong
SFC		Securities and Futures Commission
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