Chapter 8 Financial statements for sole proprietorships (II) Serial No: —— 8.2 Difference between the income statement and the balance sheet (損益表

和資產負債表的分別)

A balance sheet (資產負債表) is a simply a list of balances (一份餘額清單) of the assets (資產), liabilities (負債) and capital (資本) of a business at a point in time (在某日的狀況). It shows the financial position (財務狀況) of a business at a certain date (在 某日). The balance sheet is not part of the double-entry system (不是複式記帳系統的一部分) and we would not close off (不會 結清) the account (帳戶) of assets (資產), liabilities (負債) and capital (資本) at the end of an accounting period (在會計期末). Instead, these account balances (這些帳戶的餘額) will be carried forward to the next period (會被轉到下期).

The income statement uses the flow concept (流量概念) to measure (匯報) the financial results (財務表現) of a business during an accounting period (企業在某段會計期間) while the balance sheet uses the stock concept (存量概念).

8.3 Classifications of assets and liabilities (資產和負債的分類)

8.3.1 Assets (資產)

Current assets (流動資產)

Current assets (short-term assets) refer to cash and other assets that are likely (能在) to be converted into cash (變現), sold or consumed (出售或消耗) in the short term (短期內), which is usually within a year (通常在一年內). Examples are inventory (存貨), accounts receivable (應收帳款), bank balance (銀行帳戶結餘) and cash (現金).

Non-current assets (非流動資產)

Non-current assets (fixed assets or long-term assets) are assets that are long-term in nature (可長期使用) and can benefit (得益) the business for more than one year (通常超過一年). They are material in amount (金錢價值) and physical substance (物理物質). They are acquired for use (購買時用於) in the operations of the business (企業營運) and not for resale (不打算轉售). Examples are land and buildings (房地產), fixtures and fittings (裝修與裝置), furniture (家具), machinery (機器), equipment (設備) and motor vehicles (汽車).

8.3.2 Liabilities (負債)

Current liabilities (流動負債)

Current liabilities (short-term liabilities) refer to liabilities (債務) that have to be repaid within a year (必須在一年內償還). Examples include accounts payable (應付帳款) and bank overdrafts (銀行透支).

Non-current liabilities (非流動負債)

Non-current liabilities (long-term liabilities) refer to liabilities (債務) that do not have to be repaid within a year (不須在一年內 償還). Examples include loans (貸款) from banks or other financial institutions (其他金融機構).

Class work 1

1. Given the following figures: Equipment \$67,900; Motor vehicle \$15,670; Bank overdraft \$4,920; Cash \$56,790; Inventory \$23,840; Accounts payable \$43,800; Accounts receivable \$78,200; Long-term bank loan \$45,000. Find the Capital.

| Current assets = 56,790 + 23,840 + 78,200 = 158,830 | Fixed assets = 67,900 + 15,670 = 83,570 |
|---|---|
| Total assets = 158,830 + 83,570 = 242,400 | |
| Current liabilities = 4,920 + 43,800 = 48,720 | Long-term liabilities = 45,000 |
| Total liabilities = 48,720 + 45,000 = 93,720 | |
| Capital = Assets – Liabilities = 242,400 – 93,720 = 148,680 | |

2. On 31 December 2009, a business had the following balances:

Non-current assets \$93,456; Current assets \$32,222; Current liabilities \$12,439; Non-current liabilities \$5,000. Find the capital as at 31 December 2009

| Capital = Assets – Liabilities | |
|--|--|
| = (93,456 + 32,222) - (12,439 + 5,000) | |
| = \$108,239 | |

8.4 Preparation of a balance sheet (編製資產負債表)

Example

| M Chan |
|--------------------------------------|
| Trial Balance as at 31 December 2008 |

| | Dr | Cr |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Sales | | 207,000 |
| Purchases | 142,600 | |
| Returns inwards | 3,450 | |
| Returns outwards | | 2,100 |
| Carriage inwards | 1,950 | |
| Carriage outwards | 1,330 | |
| Rent and rates | 15,650 | |
| Salaries | 26,000 | |
| Discounts allowed | 2,200 | |
| Sundry expenses | 1,700 | |
| Discounts received | , | 3,500 |
| Shop premises | 250,000 | |
| Fixtures and fittings | 53,600 | |
| Accounts receivable | 42,300 | |
| Accounts payable | | 41,880 |
| Bank | 56,000 | |
| Cash | 8,200 | |
| Loan from C Ho (repayable in 2011) | | 90,000 |
| Drawings | 23,000 | |
| Capital | | 290,000 |
| Inventory | 6,500 | |
| | 634,480 | 634,480 |
| Additional information: | | |
| | | |

The **net profit** for the year is **16,620**.

Closing inventory as at 31 December 2008 was valued at \$5,400.

Horizontal style (橫式)

| | | МС | Chan | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| | Balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 | | | | | |
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | | |
| Non-current assets Note2 | | | Capital | | | |
| Shop premises | | 250,000 | Balance as at 1 January 2008 | 290,000 | | |
| Fixtures and fittings | | 53,600 | Add Net profit for the year Note4 | 16,620 | | |
| | | 303,600 | | 306,620 | | |
| Current assets Note3 | | | Less Drawings Note5 | (23,000) | | |
| Inventory | 5,400 | | | 283,620 | | |
| Accounts receivable | 42,300 | | Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Bank | 56,000 | | Loan from C Ho | 90,000 | | |
| Cash | 8,200 | 111,900 | | | | |
| | | | Current liabilities | | | |
| | | | Accounts payable | 41,880 | | |
| | | 415,500 | | 415,500 | | |

- 1. The balance sheet is **prepared (編制)** as the **basis (基礎)** on an **accounting equation (**會計等式). (Assets = Capital + Liabilities)
- 2. Non-current assets are listed in **descending order** (降序) of **durability** (耐用性), from the most durable asset to the least durable one (由最耐用的項目開始到最不耐用).
- 3. Current assets are listed in ascending order (升序) of liquidity (變現能力), from the asset that is the most difficult to be turned into cash to the one that is the easiest to be turned into cash, which is usually cash itself (由最難變現的項目開始到 最易變現,通常是現金自已).
- 4. Net profit (純利) come from the income statement (從損益帳戶而來) and is added to capital (並要加到資本中). On the contrary (相反), if there is a net loss (一個淨虧損), it will be deducted from capital (將會從資本中扣除). The amount of capital shown (顯示的資本) in the trial balance (在試算表) represents the opening capital (為期初資本) and the closing capital is calculated as (期末資本的計算公式為): Closing capital = Opening capital + Contribution of capital + net profit/loss Drawings.

5. Drawings (提用) are deducted from capital (是從資本中扣除).

| Balance sheet | as at 31 December 2008 | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Shop premises | 250,000 | |
| Fixtures and fittings | 53,600 | 303,600 |
| Current assets | | |
| Inventory | 5,400 | |
| Accounts receivable | 42,300 | |
| Bank | 56,000 | |
| Cash | 8,200 | |
| | 111,900 | |
| Less Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | (41,880) | |
| Net current assets Note1 | | 70,020 |
| | | 373,620 |
| Less Non-current liabilities | Closing capital | |
| Loan from C Ho | Closing capital | (90,000) |
| | Net Assets | > 283,620 |
| Financed by: | | <u> </u> |
| Capital | | |
| Balance as at 1 January 2008 | | 290,000 |
| Add Net profit for the year | | 16,620 |
| | | 306,620 |
| Less Drawings | | (23,000) |
| | | 283,620 |
| | | 203,020 |

M Chan Jalance sheet as at 31 December 2008

1. In a vertical-style balance sheet, **current liabilities (**流動負債) are subtracted from **current assets (**流動資產) in order to compute the amount of **net current assets (working capital)** (净流動資產).

Net current assets = Current assets - Current liabilities

This figure measures whether the firm has **sufficient current assets** (足夠的流動資產) to **meet its current liabilities** (償還流動 負債). In other words, it **indicates** (表明) the **firm's ability** (公司的能力) to **meet its short-term debts** (償還短期債務). If **current liabilities** (流動負債) **exceed** (超過) **current assets** (流動資產), the **difference** (相差) is called **net current liabilities** (淨 流動負債).

2. The vertical style is more commonly used by modern businesses.

Class work 2

- 1. Suppose a firm has the following assets and liabilities as at the end of year:
 - Assets: Plan and machinery \$2.5 million; Office equipment \$620,000; Inventory \$75,000; Accounts receivable \$48,000; Cash at bank \$29,000

Liabilities: Loan from bank \$120,000 (repayable after five years); Accounts payable \$88,000

Calculate the amount of net current assets (or net current liabilities) of this firm. Does it have sufficient current assets to meet its current liabilities?

Current assets = \$75,000 + \$48,000 + \$29,000 = \$152,000

Current liabilities = \$88,000

Net current assets = \$152,000 - \$88,000 = \$64,000

Yes, the firm has sufficient current assets to meet its current liabilities.

 On 31 December 2009, a sole proprietorship had the following balances: Non-current assets \$93,456; Current assets \$32,222; Current liabilities \$12,439; Non-current liabilities \$5,000 Find the the firm's net current assets I as at 31 December 2009

Net current assets = Current assets - Current liabilities

= 32,222 –12,439 = \$19,783

3. Given the following information about a sole proprietorship:

| | Total Assets = Closing Capital + Closing Liabilities | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------|--|--|
| Total assets as at 1 | Net Assets = Total Assets – Closing Liabilities | | | |
| Total liabilities as at | = Closing Capital + Closing Liabilities – Closing Liabilities | | | |
| Capital introduced | = Closing Capital | | | |
| Drawings made in A | | | | |
| Net profit for April | 2010 | 9,500 | | |

(a) Find the capital as at 30 April 2010

closing capital = opening capital + contribution of capital + net profit/loss - drawings

= (80,680 - 52,000) + 3,500 + 9,500 - 12,300

= \$29,380

(b) Find the net assets as at 30 April 2010

Net assets = Closing Capital

= \$29,380

4. The opening and closing capital balances for Thomas Li's business for the year ended 31 March 2010 were \$34,567 and \$44,521, respectively. The net profit for the year was \$7,222. Find the Li's capital contribution during the year.
closing capital = opening capital + contribution of capital + net profit/loss – drawings
44,521 = 34,567 + contribution of capital + 7,222

contribution of capital = \$2,732

 Joe Choi commenced business on 1 January 2009. He brought in non-current assets and inventory totalling \$87,000. He also opened a business bank account and deposited \$2,000 of his own money into the account. On 31 December 2009, the business had net assets of \$44,230. The net profit for the year was \$11,000. Find Joe's drawings for the year.

closing capital = opening capital + contribution of capital + net profit/loss - drawings

44,230 = 87,000 + 2,000 + 11,000 – drawings

drawings = \$55,770

6. The following are balance of T Chan as at 31 December 2007. Draw up a balance sheet as at that date.

| | Ş |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Capital as at 1 January 2007 | 100,000 |
| Fixtures and fittings | 47,000 |
| Accounts receivable | 12,900 |
| Accounts payable | 8,100 |
| Bank | 31,300 |
| Drawings | 31,700 |
| Inventory as at 31 December 2007 | 42,100 |
| Net profit for the year | 56,900 |

Vertical Style

T Chan Balance sheet as at 31 December 2007

| | \$ | \$ |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Non-current assets | | , , { |
| Fixtures and fittings | | 47,000 |
| , | | , , , |
| Current assets | ļ | ; ! |
| Inventory | 42,100 | |
| Accounts receivable | 12,900 | ; |
| Bank | 31,300 | ¦ ! |
| | 86,300 | |
| Less Current liabilities | | ; |
| Accounts payable | 8,100 | , , , |
| Net current assets | | 78,200 |
| | | 125,200 |
| Financed by: | ļ | , , , |
| <u>Capital</u> | | , , , |
| Capital as at 1 January 2007 | | 100,000 |
| Add Net profit for the year | | 56,900 |
| | | 156,900 |
| Less Drawings | | (31,700) |
| · | | 125,200 |

7. Draw up a balance sheet for T Lo as at 31 December 2008 from the following balances:

| | \$ |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Accounts receivable | 41,900 |
| Bank | 30,600 |
| Accounts payable | 12,900 |
| Inventory as at 31 December 2008 | 124,100 |
| Drawings | 45,000 |
| Cash | 400 |
| Net profit for the year | 59,100 |
| Capital as at 1 January 2008 | 250,000 |
| Office equipment | 80,000 |

Horizontal style

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|--|---------|--|---------|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 \$ \$ | | | | | | |
| Non-current assets | | | ····· | Capital | ⁷ | |
| Office equipment | | | 80,000 | Balance as at 1 January 2008 | 250,000 | |
| | | | | Add Net profit for the year | 59,100 | |
| Current assets | | | | | 309,100 | |
| Inventory | 124,100 | | | Less Drawings | (45,000) | |
| Accounts receivable | 41,900 | | | | 264,100 | |
| Bank | 30,600 | | | Current liabilities | | |
| Cash | 400 | | 197,000 | Accounts payable | 12,900 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | 277,000 | | 277,000 | |

| | Dr | Cr |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Office equipment | 220,000 | |
| Furniture and fixtures | 90,600 | |
| Accounts receivable | 53,920 | |
| Accounts payable | | 59,310 |
| Bank overdraft | | 38,260 |
| Cash | 9,390 | |
| Drawings | 14,000 | |
| Loan from bank (long-term) | | 200,000 |
| Capital | | 130,000 |
| Income statement | 22,810 | |
| Closing Inventory | 16,850 | |
| | 427,570 | 427,570 |
| | 427,370 | -121 |

Vertical style

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2009

| Datatice sheet as at 51 Mai | | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------|---------------------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-current assets | | 1 | |
| Office equipment | 1 | 220,000 | |
| Furniture and fixtures | | 90,600 | 310,600 |
| | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Inventory | | 16,850 | |
| Accounts receivable | | 53,920 | |
| Cash | | 9,390 | |
| | | 80,160 | |
| Less Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | 59,310 | | |
| Bank overdraft | 38,260 | (97,570) | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Net current assets | | | (17410) |
| | | | 293,190 |
| Less Non-current liabilities | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |
| Loan from bank | | | (200,000) |
| | | | 93,190 |
| Financed by: | ······································ | | |
| Capital | | | |
| Balance as at 1 April 2008 | | | 130,000 |
| Less Net loss for the year | | | (22,810) |
| | | | 107,190 |
| Less Drawings | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | (14,000) |
| | | | 93,190 |

Horizontal style

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2009

| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Non-current assets | | | Capital | | [| |
| Office equipment | | 220,000 | Balance as at 1 April 2008 | | [| 130,000 |
| Furniture and fixtures | | 90,600 | Less Net loss for the year | : | [| (22,810) |
| | | 310,600 | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 107,190 |
| Current assets | | | Less Drawings | - | | (14,000) |
| Inventory | 16,850 | | | - | | 93,190 |
| Accounts receivable | 53,920 | | Non-current liabilities | | | 1 1 1 |
| Cash | 9,390 | 80,160 | Loan from bank | | [| 200,000 |
| | | | | | [| |
| | | | Current liabilities | | | 1 1 1 |
| | | | Accounts payable | 59,310 | []]] | |
| | | | Bank overdraft | 38,260 | | 97,570 |
| | | 390,760 | | | | 390,760 |

9. Following is the trial balance of K Sung as at 31 March 2006. Draw up a set of final accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006.

K Sung Trial Balance as at 31 March 2006

| | Dr | Cr |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Inventory as at 1 April 2005 | 181,000 | |
| Purchases and sales | 791,800 | 923,000 |
| Carriage inwards | 4,200 | |
| Carriage outwards | 15,700 | |
| Returns outwards | | 6,200 |
| Wages and salaries | 182,400 | |
| Rent and rates | 30,150 | |
| Telephone charges | 16,240 | |
| Packing charges for goods | 12,160 | |
| Insurance | 5,250 | |
| Sundry expenses | 3,150 | |
| Buildings | 220,000 | |
| Accounts receivable and accounts payable | 143,200 | 181,600 |
| Bank | 29,700 | |
| Cash | 9,650 | |
| Loan from K Kwan (repayable in 2009) | | 200,000 |
| Drawings | 75,000 | |
| Capital | | 408,800 |
| | 1,719,600 | 1,719,600 |
| | | |

Inventory as at 31 March 2006 was valued at \$33,900. The packing charges for goods should add to cost of goods sold.

| | | K S | ung | | | |
|---|---------|----------|----------------|---------|--|--|
| Income Statement for the year ended 31 March 2006 | | | | | | |
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | | |
| Opening inventory | | 181,000 | Sales | 923,000 | | |
| Add Purchases | 791,800 | | Gross loss c/d | 26,060 | | |
| Carriage inwards | 4,200 | | | | | |
| Packing charges | 12,160 | | | | | |
| | 808,160 | | | | | |
| Less Returns outwards | (6,200) | 801,960 | | | | |
| | | 982,960 | | | | |
| Less Closing inventory | | (33,900) | | | | |
| Cost of goods sold | | 949,060 | | 949,060 | | |
| Gross loss b/d | | 26,060 | Net loss | 278,950 | | |
| Carriage outwards | | 15,700 | | | | |
| Wages and salaries | | 182,400 | | | | |
| Rent and rates | | 30,150 | | | | |
| Telephone charges | | 16,240 | | | | |
| Insurance | | 5,250 | | | | |
| Sundry expenses | | 3,150 | | | | |
| | | 278,950 | | 278,950 | | |

| | Ва | | at 31 March 2006 | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ |
| Non-current assets | | | Capital | | |
| Buildings | | 220,000 | Balance as at 1 April 2005 | | 408,800 |
| | | | <i>Less</i> Net loss for the year | 278,950 | |
| Current assets | | | Drawings | 75,000 | (353,950) |
| Inventory | 33,900 | | | | 54,850 |
| Accounts receivable | 143,200 | | Non-current liabilities | | |
| Bank | 29,700 | | Loan from K Kwan | | 200,000 |
| Cash | 9,650 | 216,450 | | | |
| | | | Current liabilities | | |
| | | | Accounts payable | | 181,600 |
| | | 436,450 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 436,450 |

K Sung

8.5 Balancing off the capital account (結平資本帳戶)

We would **transfer (轉到)** the **balances (**餘額) of the **profit and loss account (income statement) (**損益帳戶) and the **drawings account (提用帳戶)** to the **capital account (**資本帳戶內). The double entries required are (所需的複式記帳如下):

To transfer the balance of the profit and loss account (把損益帳戶的餘額轉出)

If there is a net profit,

- Dr Profit and loss account
 - Cr Capital account

If there is a net loss,

- Dr Capital account
 - Cr Profit and loss account

To transfer the balance of the drawings account (把提用帳戶的餘額轉出)

- Dr Capital account
 - Cr Drawings account

The capital account of M Chan's business is balanced off at the end of the year as follows:

| | | | Caj | oital | | | |
|------|----|-------------|---------|-------|----|------------------------------|---------|
| 2008 | | | \$ | 2008 | | | \$ |
| Dec | 31 | Drawings | 23,000 | Jan | 1 | Balance b/f | 290,000 |
| п | 31 | Balance c/f | 283,620 | Dec | 31 | Profit and loss (net profit) | 16,620 |
| | | | 306,620 | | | | 306,620 |

Class work 3

1. Given the following figures as at 31 December 2010: Opening capital \$67,900; Net profit for the year \$15,670 and Drawings \$4,920. Write up and balance off the capital account at the end of the accounting year.

| | Capital | | | | | | |
|------|---------|-------------|--------|------|------|------------------------------|--------|
| 2010 | | · · · | \$ | 2010 | | | \$ |
| Dec | 31 | Drawings | 4,920 | Jan | 1 | Balance b/f | 67,900 |
| " | 31 | Balance c/f | 78,650 | Dec | 31 | Profit and loss (net profit) | 15,670 |
| [|] | | 83,570 | | | | 83,570 |

2. Following is the part of trial balance and income statement as at 31 March 2006. Write up and balance off the capital account at the end of the accounting year.

| | Trial Ba | lance as at 31 Mai | rch 2006 | |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | | | Dr | Cr |
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| Drawings | | | 75,000 | |
| Capital | | | | 408,800 |
| | la como Chohomon | . | ad 21 March 2000 | |
| | Income Statemen | t for the year end | led 31 March 2006 | |
| | \$ | \$ | | \$ |

Net loss

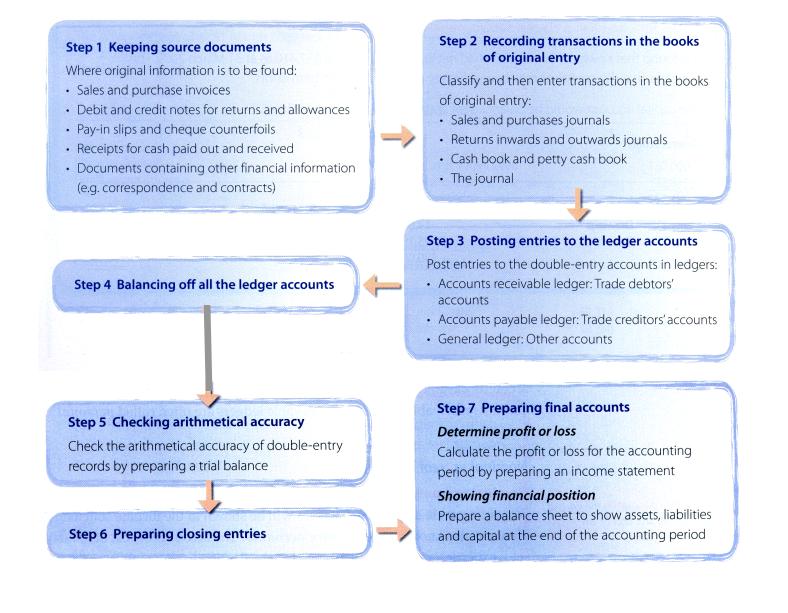
278,950

| | Capital | | | | | | |
|------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------|---|-------------|---------|
| 2006 | | | \$ | 2005 | | | \$ |
| Mar | 31 | Drawings | 75,000 | Apr | 1 | Balance b/f | 408,800 |
| п | 31 | Profit and loss (net loss) | 278,950 | | | | |
| п | 31 | Balance c/f | 54,850 | | | | |
| | } | | 408,800 | | | | 408,800 |

8.6 Accounting cycle (會計循環)

An accounting cycle (會計循環) is refers (指) to the process (過程) from the recording of daily transactions (由日常交易記錄) in the books and ledgers (在原始分類簿和分類帳) to the preparation of financial statements (直至編製財務報表) at the end of an accounting period (在會計期末). In general, each accounting cycle goes through the following steps:

- 1. Keeping the source documents for transactions made (保存交易的原始單據)
- Recording the transactions in the books of original entry according to the information in source documents (根據原始單據上 的資料,把交易記錄在原始分錄簿內)
- Posting the entries from the books of original entry to ledger accounts by means of double entry (運用複式記帳法,把原始分錄簿上的記錄過帳到分類帳帳戶內)
- 4. Balancing off the ledger accounts at the end of each month (結平所有分類帳帳戶)
- 5. Preparing a trial balance in order to check the accuracy of double entries made in the ledger accounts (編製試算表,以檢查分 類帳帳戶的複式記帳的準確性)
- 6. Preparing closing entries (編製結帳分錄)
- Preparing financial statements, usually the income statement and the balance sheet, at the end of the accounting period (在會計期末,編製財務報表)



8.7 Classifications of ledger accounts (帳戶的分類)

Accounts are normally divided into three types (分成三類) and kept (放在) in three separate ledgers (三本獨立的分類帳):

| Name | Type of account kept |
|--|---------------------------|
| Accounts payable ledger (also called purchases ledger) | Trade creditors' accounts |
| Accounts receivable ledger (also called sales ledger) | Trade debtors' accounts |
| General ledger | All other accounts |

Ledger accounts can also be classified in the following ways (帳戶也可按以下的方法分類).

Personal vs. impersonal accounts (人名帳戶與非人名帳戶)

- Personal accounts: accounts of individuals and organizations (個人和機構帳戶) having transactions with the firm (與企業進 行交易). All the trade debtor's (銷貨債務人) and creditors' accounts (購貨債權人) in the accounts receivable ledgers (應收總帳) and accounts payable (應付總帳) ledgers are classified (分類) as personal accounts (人名帳戶). Therefore, the accounts receivable and accounts payable ledgers are often called personal ledgers (人名分類帳).
- Impersonal accounts: accounts other than personal accounts (人名帳戶以外的其他帳戶). The accounts of Wages and salaries (工資和薪金), Furniture and fixtures (家具及裝置), Bank (銀行), Cash (現金) and so on are classified as impersonal accounts (非人名帳戶).

Nominal vs. real accounts (虛帳戶與實帳戶)

- Nominal accounts: accounts that will be closed off (帳戶會被結清) at the end of an accounting cycle (會計循環终結時) and whose balances (帳戶餘額) will be shown (會顯示在) in the income statement (損益表上). They are also known as temporary accounts (又稱臨時帳戶). The accounts of cost of goods sold (銷貨成本), expenses (費用), sales and other revenues (銷貨和其他收益等帳戶) are classified as nominal accounts (虛帳戶).
- Real accounts: accounts whose balances (帳戶餘額) will be carried forward (會轉到) to the next accounting cycle (下一個會 計循環) and will appear (顯示在) in the balance sheet (資產負債表上). They are also known as permanent accounts (又稱永久帳戶). The accounts of assets (資產), liabilities (負債) and capital (資本) are classified as real accounts (實帳戶).

Features of sole proprietorships (獨資經營的特點)

Sole proprietorships are distinct from other forms of business ownership in many ways, as shown below:

Capital can only be raised from one owner (資金由一個東主獨自籌集)

For partnerships, capital can be raised from more than one owner. For public limited companies, capital can be raised from the public by issuing shares.

All profits made belong to one owner (所有利潤屬於一個東主)

For partnerships, any profits made will be shared by all the partners. For limited companies, part of the profits may be distributed as dividends to shareholders, with the rest kept in company as reserves.

The owner is free to make drawings (東主可以自由提用)

For limited companies, shareholders are not allowed to make drawings. For partnerships, interest is usually charged on drawings made by partners. But there is no restriction on drawings made by a sole proprietor.