

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2011

	Q4 10	Q3 11	Q4 11	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	15,450	16,223	16,484	+1.6%	+6.7%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	98,241	96,626	105,849	+9.5%	+7.7%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	96,999	95,396	104,700	+9.8%	+7.9%
Cash advances	1,242	1,230	1,149	-6.6%	-7.4%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	106,300	108,227	117,155	+8.2%	+10.2%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	99,979	100,849	109,627	+8.7%	+9.7%
Cash advances	6,321	7,378	7,528	+2.0%	+19.1%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	27,503	26,199	28,979	+10.6%	+5.4%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	51,470	49,073	54,001	+10.0%	+4.9%

Note: Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics.