

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Third Quarter 2014

	Q3 13	Q2 14	Q3 14	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	17,983	18,453	<b>18,510</b>	+0.3%	+2.9%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	119,110	119,452	<b>123,077</b>	+3.0%	+3.3%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	117,737	118,102	<b>121,802</b>	+3.1%	+3.5%
Cash advances	1,374	1,349	<b>1,275</b>	-5.5%	-7.2%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	124,188	130,351	<b>137,842</b>	+5.7%	+11.0%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	114,920	121,139	<b>127,667</b>	+5.4%	+11.1%
Cash advances	9,268	9,212	<b>10,175</b>	+10.5%	+9.8%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	27,531	29,388	<b>28,538</b>	-2.9%	+3.7%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	53,729	58,353	<b>57,527</b>	-1.4%	+7.1%

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