

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2015

	Q4 14	Q3 15	Q4 15	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,820	19,065	19,044	-0.1%	+1.2%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	127,817	131,799	135,385	+2.7%	+5.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	126,410	130,528	134,106	+2.7%	+6.1%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	109,864	112,196	115,260	+2.7%	+4.9%
Overseas spending	16,546	18,332	18,846	+2.8%	+13.9%
Cash advances	1,408	1,272	1,279	+0.6%	-9.1%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	151,118	142,378	156,907	+10.2%	+3.8%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	140,770	132,480	147,465	+11.3%	+4.8%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	118,568	108,377	124,839	+15.2%	+5.3%
Overseas spending	22,202	24,103	22,625	-6.1%	+1.9%
Cash advances	10,349	9,898	9,442	-4.6%	-8.8%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	31,110	30,754	33,311	+8.3%	+7.1%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	66,286	65,397	71,585	+9.5%	+8.0%

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