

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Third Quarter 2012

	Q3 11	Q2 12	Q3 12	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	16,223	17,031	<b>17,256</b>	+1.3%	+6.4%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	96,626	106,412	<b>110,348</b>	+3.7%	+14.2%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	95,396	105,283	<b>109,229</b>	+3.7%	+14.5%
Cash advances	1,230	1,130	<b>1,119</b>	-0.9%	-9.0%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	108,227	112,230	<b>113,909</b>	+1.5%	+5.3%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	100,849	105,528	<b>106,837</b>	+1.2%	+5.9%
Cash advances	7,378	6,703	<b>7,073</b>	+5.5%	-4.1%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	26,199	27,678	<b>26,957</b>	-2.6%	+2.9%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	49,073	52,122	<b>50,981</b>	-2.2%	+3.9%

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