

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2013

	Q4 12	Q3 13	Q4 13	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	17,437	17,983	<b>18,123</b>	+0.8%	+3.9%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	115,856	119,110	<b>122,768</b>	+3.1%	+6.0%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	114,650	117,737	<b>121,376</b>	+3.1%	+5.9%
Cash advances	1,206	1,374	<b>1,392</b>	+1.4%	+15.4%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	129,901	124,188	<b>142,081</b>	+14.4%	+9.4%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	122,210	114,920	<b>131,662</b>	+14.6%	+7.7%
Cash advances	7,691	9,268	<b>10,419</b>	+12.4%	+35.5%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	28,946	27,531	<b>29,727</b>	+8.0%	+2.7%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	57,409	53,729	<b>61,385</b>	+14.2%	+6.9%

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