

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

	Q1 14	Q4 14	Q1 15	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,144	18,820	<b>18,889</b>	+0.4%	+4.1%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	116,969	127,817	<b>125,210</b>	-2.0%	+7.0%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	115,691	126,410	<b>123,905</b>	-2.0%	+7.1%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	101,854	109,864	<b>107,323</b>	-2.3%	+5.4%
Overseas spending	13,838	16,546	<b>16,582</b>	+0.2%	+19.8%
Cash advances	1,278	1,408	<b>1,305</b>	-7.3%	+2.1%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	137,343	151,118	<b>152,373</b>	+0.8%	+10.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	129,242	140,770	<b>143,434</b>	+1.9%	+11.0%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	110,428	118,568	<b>120,636</b>	+1.7%	+9.2%
Overseas spending	18,814	22,202	<b>22,798</b>	+2.7%	+21.2%
Cash advances	8,101	10,349	<b>8,939</b>	-13.6%	+10.3%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	29,303	31,110	<b>31,103</b>	-0.0%	+6.1%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	65,659	66,286	<b>71,250</b>	+7.5%	+8.5%

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