

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

	Q2 14	Q1 15	Q2 15	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,453	18,889	<b>18,977</b>	+0.5%	+2.8%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	119,452	125,210	<b>128,583</b>	+2.7%	+7.6%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	118,102	123,905	<b>127,340</b>	+2.8%	+7.8%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	104,366	107,323	<b>109,518</b>	+2.0%	+4.9%
Overseas spending	13,736	16,582	<b>17,822</b>	+7.5%	+29.7%
Cash advances	1,349	1,305	<b>1,244</b>	-4.7%	-7.8%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	130,351	152,373	<b>143,747</b>	-5.7%	+10.3%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	121,139	143,434	<b>134,292</b>	-6.4%	+10.9%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	100,546	120,636	<b>110,321</b>	-8.6%	+9.7%
Overseas spending	20,593	22,798	<b>23,971</b>	+5.1%	+16.4%
Cash advances	9,212	8,939	<b>9,455</b>	+5.8%	+2.6%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	29,388	31,103	<b>30,913</b>	-0.6%	+5.2%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	58,353	71,250	<b>64,932</b>	-8.9%	+11.3%

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