

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

	Q3 14	Q2 15	Q3 15	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,510	18,977	<b>19,065</b>	+0.5%	+3.0%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	123,077	128,583	<b>131,799</b>	+2.5%	+7.1%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	121,802	127,340	<b>130,528</b>	+2.5%	+7.2%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	107,647	109,518	<b>112,196</b>	+2.4%	+4.2%
Overseas spending	14,155	17,822	<b>18,332</b>	+2.9%	+29.5%
Cash advances	1,275	1,244	<b>1,272</b>	+2.2%	-0.3%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	137,842	143,747	<b>142,378</b>	-1.0%	+3.3%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	127,667	134,292	<b>132,480</b>	-1.3%	+3.8%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	105,317	110,321	<b>108,377</b>	-1.8%	+2.9%
Overseas spending	22,350	23,971	<b>24,103</b>	+0.5%	+7.8%
Cash advances	10,175	9,455	<b>9,898</b>	+4.7%	-2.7%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	28,538	30,913	<b>30,754</b>	-0.5%	+7.8%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	57,527	64,932	<b>65,397</b>	+0.7%	+13.7%

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