

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for First Quarter 2016

	Q1 15	Q4 15	Q1 16	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,889	19,044	<b>18,547</b>	-2.6%	-1.8%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	125,210	135,385	<b>131,290</b>	-3.0%	+4.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	123,905	134,106	<b>130,136</b>	-3.0%	+5.0%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	107,323	115,260	<b>111,467</b>	-3.3%	+3.9%
Overseas spending	16,582	18,846	<b>18,669</b>	-0.9%	+12.6%
Cash advances	1,305	1,279	<b>1,154</b>	-9.8%	-11.6%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	152,373	156,907	<b>149,461</b>	-4.7%	-1.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	143,434	147,465	<b>141,025</b>	-4.4%	-1.7%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	120,636	124,839	<b>118,870</b>	-4.8%	-1.5%
Overseas spending	22,798	22,625	<b>22,155</b>	-2.1%	-2.8%
Cash advances	8,939	9,442	<b>8,436</b>	-10.7%	-5.6%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	31,103	33,311	<b>33,031</b>	-0.8%	+6.2%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	71,250	71,585	<b>75,238</b>	+5.1%	+5.6%

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