

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for the First Quarter 2018

	Q1 17	Q4 17	Q1 18	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,249	19,666	19,886	+1.1%	+3.3%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	145,800	166,917	167,007	+0.1%	+14.5%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	143,439	164,473	164,710	+0.1%	+14.8%
of which Hong Kong spending	119,707	136,879	138,359	+1.1%	+15.6%
Overseas spending	23,732	27,594	26,351	-4.5%	+11.0%
Cash advances	2,361	2,444	2,297	-6.0%	-2.7%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	160,291	182,880	182,613	-0.1%	+13.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	149,134	171,033	170,768	-0.2%	+14.5%
of which Hong Kong spending	124,948	142,275	142,509	+0.2%	+14.1%
Overseas spending	24,187	28,757	28,259	-1.7%	+16.8%
Cash advances	11,157	11,847	11,845	-0.0%	+6.2%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	34,001	35,230	34,653	-1.6%	+1.9%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	78,478	81,191	87,889	+8.2%	+12.0%

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