

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for First Quarter 2019

	Q1 18	Q4 18	Q1 19	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,997	19,460	19,490	+0.2%	+2.6%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	165,974	196,619	191,616	-2.5%	+15.4%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	163,686	194,152	189,332	-2.5%	+15.7%
of which Hong Kong spending	137,626	165,879	162,713	-1.9%	+18.2%
Overseas spending	26,060	28,274	26,619	-5.9%	+2.1%
Cash advances	2,288	2,466	2,284	-7.4%	-0.2%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	182,959	196,925	193,200	-1.9%	+5.6%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	171,143	184,164	181,028	-1.7%	+5.8%
of which Hong Kong spending	142,954	154,301	152,187	-1.4%	+6.5%
Overseas spending	28,189	29,864	28,840	-3.4%	+2.3%
Cash advances	11,816	12,761	12,172	-4.6%	+3.0%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	34,653	35,803	35,566	-0.7%	+2.6%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	87,889	86,258	90,232	+4.6%	+2.7%

Notes:

1. Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics. The figures may not add up due to rounding.
2. Figures for Q1 2018 have been adjusted from those released in June 2018 due to data update subsequently.