

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Third Quarter 2010

	Q3 09	Q2 10	Q3 10	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	14,318	14,982	<b>15,206</b>	+1.5%	+6.2%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	87,952	88,733	<b>94,201</b>	+6.2%	+7.1%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	86,509	87,529	<b>92,992</b>	+6.2%	+7.5%
Cash advances	1,443	1,204	<b>1,208</b>	+0.3%	-16.2%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	78,618	85,361	<b>92,854</b>	+8.8%	+18.1%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	73,883	79,850	<b>87,352</b>	+9.4%	+18.2%
Cash advances	4,735	5,511	<b>5,501</b>	-0.2%	+16.2%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	24,248	25,789	<b>25,479</b>	-1.2%	+5.1%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	39,833	43,160	<b>44,006</b>	+2.0%	+10.5%

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