

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

	Q4 09	Q3 10	Q4 10	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	14,497	15,206	15,450	+1.6%	+6.6%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	90,066	94,201	98,241	+4.3%	+9.1%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	88,592	92,992	96,999	+4.3%	+9.5%
Cash advances	1,474	1,208	1,242	+2.8%	-15.8%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	88,316	92,854	106,300	+14.5%	+20.4%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	83,123	87,352	99,979	+14.5%	+20.3%
Cash advances	5,193	5,501	6,321	+14.9%	+21.7%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	26,224	25,479	27,503	+7.9%	+4.9%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	44,817	44,006	51,470	+17.0%	+14.8%

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