

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Fourth Quarter 2012

	Q4 11	Q3 12	Q4 12	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	16,484	17,256	17,437	+1.0%	+5.8%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	105,849	110,348	115,856	+5.0%	+9.5%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	104,700	109,229	114,650	+5.0%	+9.5%
Cash advances	1,149	1,119	1,206	+7.8%	+5.0%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	117,155	113,909	129,901	+14.0%	+10.9%
<i>of which</i>					
Retail sales	109,627	106,837	122,210	+14.4%	+11.5%
Cash advances	7,528	7,073	7,691	+8.7%	+2.2%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	28,979	26,957	28,946	+7.4%	-0.1%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	54,001	50,981	57,409	+12.6%	+6.3%

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