Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Third Quarter 2016

		Q3 15	Q2 16	Q3 16	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)		19,065	18,828	19,205	+2.0%	+0.7%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)		131,799	136,209	143,350	+5.2%	+8.8%
of which	Retail sales	130,528	134,966	142,186	+5.3%	+8.9%
	of which Hong Kong spending	112,196	114,493	119,627	+4.5%	+6.6%
	Overseas spending	18,332	20,472	22,559	+10.2%	+23.1%
	Cash advances	1,272	1,243	1,164	-6.3%	-8.4%
Total value of	Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)		144,598	147,006	+1.7%	+3.3%
of which	Retail sales	132,480	135,474	138,514	+2.2%	+4.6%
	of which Hong Kong spending	108,377	112,413	113,211	+0.7%	+4.5%
	Overseas spending	24,103	23,061	25,303	+9.7%	+5.0%
	Cash advances	9,898	9,124	8,492	-6.9%	-14.2%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)		30,754	33,393	32,067	-4.0%	+4.3%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)		65,397	67,928	66,768	-1.7%	+2.1%

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