

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

	Q4 15	Q3 16	Q4 16	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,044	19,205	19,184	-0.1%	+0.7%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	136,891	144,755	151,686	+4.8%	+10.8%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	134,106	142,186	149,102	+4.9%	+11.2%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	115,260	119,627	123,572	+3.3%	+7.2%
Overseas spending	18,846	22,559	25,530	+13.2%	+35.5%
Cash advances	2,785	2,569	2,584	+0.6%	-7.2%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	160,775	150,697	167,236	+11.0%	+4.0%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	147,465	138,514	155,108	+12.0%	+5.2%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	124,839	113,211	129,928	+14.8%	+4.1%
Overseas spending	22,625	25,303	25,180	-0.5%	+11.3%
Cash advances	13,310	12,183	12,128	-0.5%	-8.9%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	33,311	32,067	34,771	+8.4%	+4.4%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	71,585	66,768	74,350	+11.4%	+3.9%

Note 1: Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics.

Note 2: The figures of "Total number of credit card transactions ('000)", "Total value of credit card transaction (\$HK Mn) and "Cash advances" of Q4 15 and Q3 16 had been adjusted due to reclassification of data by a credit card scheme operator.