

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for First Quarter 2017

	Q1 16	Q4 16	Q1 17	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	18,547	19,184	19,249	+0.3%	+3.8%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	132,678	151,686	145,800	-3.9%	+9.9%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	130,136	149,102	143,439	-3.8%	+10.2%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	111,467	123,572	119,707	-3.1%	+7.4%
Overseas spending	18,669	25,530	23,732	-7.0%	+27.1%
Cash advances	2,542	2,584	2,361	-8.6%	-7.1%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	153,306	167,236	160,291	-4.2%	+4.6%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	141,025	155,108	149,134	-3.9%	+5.8%
<i>of which</i> Hong Kong spending	118,870	129,928	124,948	-3.8%	+5.1%
Overseas spending	22,155	25,180	24,187	-3.9%	+9.2%
Cash advances	12,281	12,128	11,157	-8.0%	-9.1%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	33,031	34,771	34,001	-2.2%	+2.9%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	75,238	74,350	78,478	+5.6%	+4.3%

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 Q1 16 had been adjusted due to reclassification of data by a credit card scheme operator.