

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

	Q4 16	Q3 17	Q4 17	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,184	19,469	<b>19,666</b>	+1.0%	+2.5%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)	151,686	160,291	<b>166,917</b>	+4.1%	+10.0%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	149,102	157,895	<b>164,473</b>	+4.2%	+10.3%
of which Hong Kong spending	123,572	130,531	<b>136,879</b>	+4.9%	+10.8%
Overseas spending	25,530	27,364	<b>27,594</b>	+0.8%	+8.1%
Cash advances	2,584	2,396	<b>2,444</b>	+2.0%	-5.4%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)	167,236	160,529	<b>182,880</b>	+13.9%	+9.4%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	155,108	149,207	<b>171,033</b>	+14.6%	+10.3%
of which Hong Kong spending	129,928	120,447	<b>142,275</b>	+18.1%	+9.5%
Overseas spending	25,180	28,761	<b>28,757</b>	-0.0%	+14.2%
Cash advances	12,128	11,322	<b>11,847</b>	+4.6%	-2.3%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	34,771	32,972	<b>35,230</b>	+6.8%	+1.3%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	74,350	71,919	<b>81,191</b>	+12.9%	+9.2%

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