## Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for Third Quarter 2018

		Q3 17	Q2 18	Q3 18	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)		18,714	19,175	19,324	+0.8%	+3.3%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000)		159,123	179,363	185,609	+3.5%	+16.6%
of which	Retail sales	156,731	177,028	183,218	+3.5%	+16.9%
	of which Hong Kong spending	130,021	148,878	154,797	+4.0%	+19.1%
	Overseas spending	26,711	28,150	28,422	+1.0%	+6.4%
	Cash advances	2,392	2,335	2,391	+2.4%	-0.0%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn)		160,216	178,573	179,055	+0.3%	+11.8%
of which	Retail sales	148,908	166,931	166,693	-0.1%	+11.9%
	of which Hong Kong spending	120,411	137,172	136,673	-0.4%	+13.5%
	Overseas spending	28,498	29,759	30,020	+0.9%	+5.3%
	Cash advances	11,308	11,642	12,362	+6.2%	+9.3%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)		32,972	34,268	33,501	-2.2%	+1.6%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)		71,919	79,606	79,382	-0.3%	+10.4%

<sup>1.</sup> Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics. The figures may not add up due to rounding.
2. Figures for Q3 2017 and Q2 2018 have been adjusted from those released in December 2017 and September 2018 respectively due to data update subsequently.