

Statistics of Payment Cards Issued in Hong Kong for First Quarter 2021<sup>(1)</sup>

	Q1 20	Q4 20	Q1 21	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
Total number of credit cards in circulation ('000)	19,609	19,369	<b>19,318</b>	-0.3%	-1.5%
Total number of credit card transactions ('000) <sup>(2)</sup>	204,355	222,241	<b>220,228</b>	-0.9%	+7.8%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	202,359	220,241	<b>218,351</b>	-0.9%	+7.9%
of which Hong Kong spending	171,897	193,625	<b>192,437</b>	-0.6%	+11.9%
Overseas spending	30,462	26,617	<b>25,914</b>	-2.6%	-14.9%
Cash advances	1,996	1,999	<b>1,877</b>	-6.1%	-6.0%
Total value of credit card transactions (\$HK Mn) <sup>(2)</sup>	172,006	169,360	<b>174,030</b>	+2.8%	+1.2%
<i>of which</i> Retail sales	160,129	159,365	<b>164,359</b>	+3.1%	+2.6%
of which Hong Kong spending	133,061	140,781	<b>145,432</b>	+3.3%	+9.3%
Overseas spending	27,068	18,583	<b>18,926</b>	+1.8%	-30.1%
Cash advances	11,877	9,995	<b>9,672</b>	-3.2%	-18.6%
Total number of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments ('000)	37,812	38,886	<b>39,636</b>	+1.9%	+4.8%
Total value of debit card transactions for retail sales/bill payments (\$HK Mn)	85,423	78,252	<b>78,511</b>	+0.3%	-8.1%

*Notes:*

1. Please refer to Notes to Press Release for explanations of the statistics. The figures may not add up due to rounding.
2. Figures for Q1 2020 have been adjusted from those released in June 2020 due to subsequent data update.