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Taiwan accelerates cashless future, alongside surge in financial card usage

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INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Government-led digitalisation boosts card adoption, with open loop pre-paid cards remaining especially prominent
Everyday convenience and smart infrastructure drive usage
Young consumers drive growth, assisted by ongoing rollout of open banking

WHAT'S NEXT?

Digitalisation and changing consumer habits will drive card adoption
Continued innovation from digital-first players, with focus on personalisation
E-commerce and government initiatives will fuel growth

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Credit card transactions surge amid e-commerce boom, rebound in overseas travel and contactless adoption

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Fraud prevention and enhanced security features will boost debit card confidence

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Pre-paid cards surge as open loop payments go mainstream

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Pre-paid cards gain ground, driven by open loop flexibility
Open loop transactions continue to rise

WHAT'S NEXT?

Pre-paid card transactions will continue to rise, driven by government push towards cashless society and digital inclusion initiatives
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