

Monthly RMB

October 2015

Global RMB Development

RMB settlements remained high in September

In September 2015, cross-border RMB trade settlements remained high with the total amount of RMB722bn, and this total amount of cross-border RMB trade settlements resulted in an increase of 22% year-on-year. In September, the average percentage of the RMB used for trade with China YTD 2015 was 31% while the average percentage in overall was 25% in 2014.

Despite the notable depreciation of RMB in terms of the new RMB fixing mechanism on August 11, RMB was once remarkably ranked

at the 4th position of global payment currencies in value with the market share of 2.79% in August from the 12th position with the market share of 0.84% in August 2013. In September, RMB dropped back to the 5th position with the market share of 2.45%. According to SWIFT, RMB payments especially increased by 126%, 83% and 56% over the past 8 months in Sydney, Taipei and Seoul respectively year-on-year. Furthermore, China continues to establish more RMB clearing banks by appointing Bank of China (BOC) Zambia branch to be the second RMB clearing bank in Africa and the twentieth in the world on September 30.

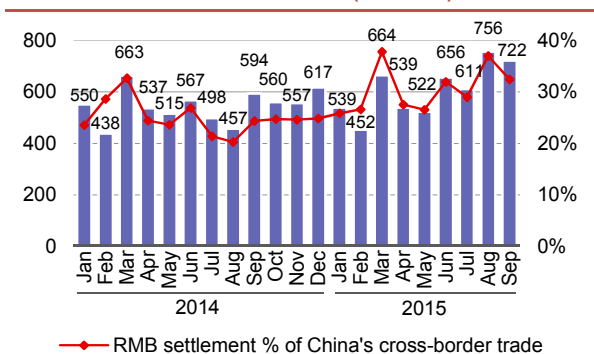
On October 8, China officially launched the first phase of Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS) as another new chapter of RMB internationalization. CIPS is a global real-time clearing platform between China and the countries in Asia, Oceania, Europe and Africa; in addition, CIPS will operate from 9:00am to 8:00pm in Beijing time by extending 3 more hours from the operational hours of China's National Advanced Payment System (CNAPS). RMB clearing bank (BOC Sydney branch) in Australia was the first user of CIPS on October 8, and RMB clearing bank (ICBC) in Singapore executed a trade settlement payment as the first CIPS transaction in Asia region.

Development of the offshore RMB bond market

The total volume of offshore RMB bond issuances YTD 2015 was RMB109bn.

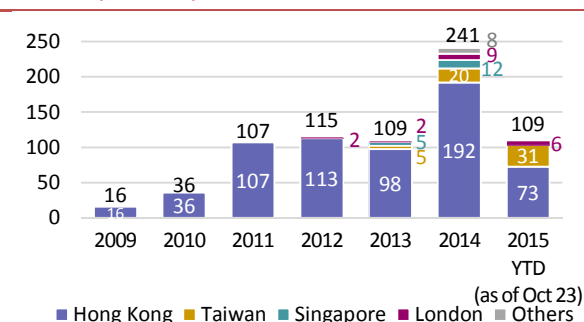
3 dim sum bonds were issued in London during the visit of China's President to United Kingdom in October. On October 20, People's Bank of China (PBOC) issued its first dim sum bond of RMB5bn, and China Construction Bank (CCB) issued a dim sum bond of RMB1bn on October 12. Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) also issued a dim sum bond of RMB600m in London on October 13.

Cross-border RMB settlements (RMB Bn)



(Source) PBOC, CEIC

Offshore RMB bond issuances in key offshore RMB centres (RMB Bn)



(Source) Dealogic, MUSHK

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