



RMB Tracker

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RMB Tracker – What is it?

Monthly reporting and statistics on renminbi (RMB) progress towards becoming an international currency.

Press release

20% countries crossing the RMB river

As volumes continue to rise, 31 countries now use the renminbi for at least 10% of their payments with China. Which are they, and where to focus your next business development effort?

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The monthly SWIFT RMB Tracker continues to monitor the steady progress of the RMB as international payments currency and a closer look at those countries applying – or not – for the RMB for their payments with China and Hong Kong.

- In July 2012, the RMB moved up one position to end most used payments currency with a market share of 4.4% (value 0.42% in June 2012). As per old month's RMB Tracker, the renminbi led worldwide for South African Rand, value 0.34%, a 40% gain (close to the Canadian dollar at 0.31%) with 0.47% market share.
- China led worldwide for all payments with China and Hong Kong. In July 2012, 20% of worldwide bank to bank payments value is renminbi. On average, 4% of all payments, close to China and Hong Kong value of RMB, being payments to the G20 countries, Singapore and the UK, and also Canada and Germany show good bilateral interest (led by the US, Japan and Australia remains low).

RMB moving up one position to #10

The first graph shows the RMB's market share in July 2011 and July 2012 in customer and institutional payments value to worldwide regions, the South African Rand (ZAR) and the Canadian dollar (CAD). RMB's rise to 4.4% market share compared to 0.1% and 0.30% one year ago. It has overtaken the ZAR remaining at 0.42% market share and getting close to the CAD with 0.37%.

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RMB x 17

Value of RMB payments increased 17-fold since October 2010, the most spectacular growth of any major currency.

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This month's SWIFT RMB Tracker takes a look back at the growth of the renminbi for offshore payments since October 2010 (value SWIFT began extracting the currency and value of certain messages). Compared to any other top 20 payments currency, RMB had the most spectacular growth and continues to maintain progress.

- Chinese RMB payments grew in value by 17.4 times from October 2010 to June 2012. In other currency the best increase during this period (except payments across currencies) grew by 1.1 times. As a result, RMB jumped from position #10 in October 2010 to #1 in June 2012. At the top of most used world payments currencies, ready to overtake the South African Rand (ZAR) currently at #10.
- SWIFT also took a 40% to 40% increase in the number of customer and institutional processing RMB payments from June 2011 to June 2012. Top RMB payments banks increased the number of RMB transactions by 10% in that same period, from an average of 91 to 113 correspondents. Another good indicator for growing international adoption.

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The yuan-yen tango

Ample opportunity for China and Japan to promote their domestic currencies for bilateral trade settlement

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This month's SWIFT RMB Tracker takes a closer look at payments between China and Japan, following the start of direct trading between their currencies at the end of May. There is a plenty of opportunity for the world's second and third largest economies to promote their respective currencies, since, surely the majority of payments between them is done in a local currency (namely the US dollar).

- USD is the most used currency between China/Hong Kong and Japan with a share of 52.4% in customer initiated payments in May 2012. 27 currencies received with 0.1%, RMB is third with 1.1%, CNY is fourth with 1.3%, and EUR is the fifth currency with 0.4%.
- May 2012 was a good month for RMB payments overall, with a growth of 22.3% in value versus April 2012 (payments across all currencies grew by 12.5%), increasing to market share to 1.42% (0.34% in April 2012). RMB is still used payments currency #10.

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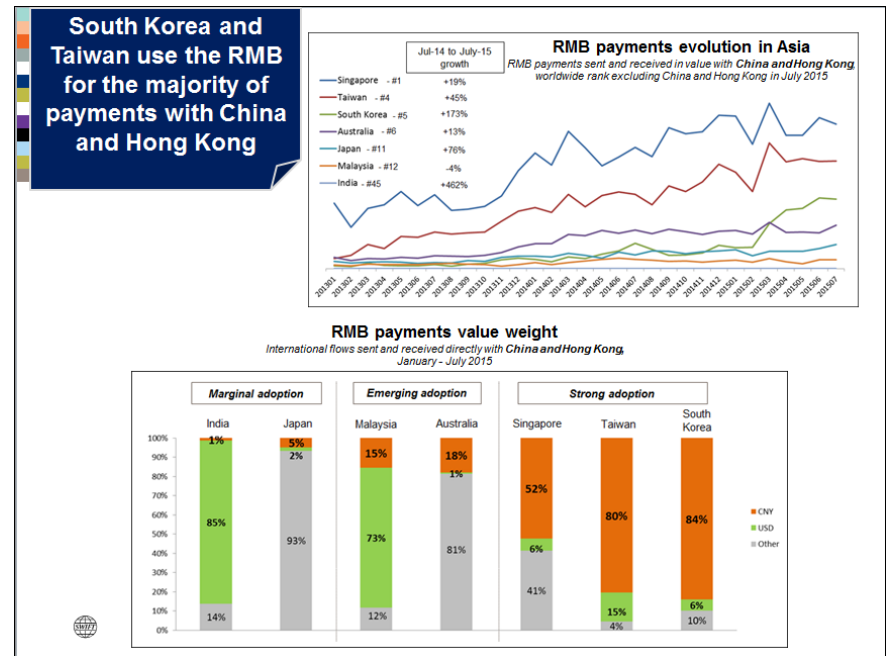
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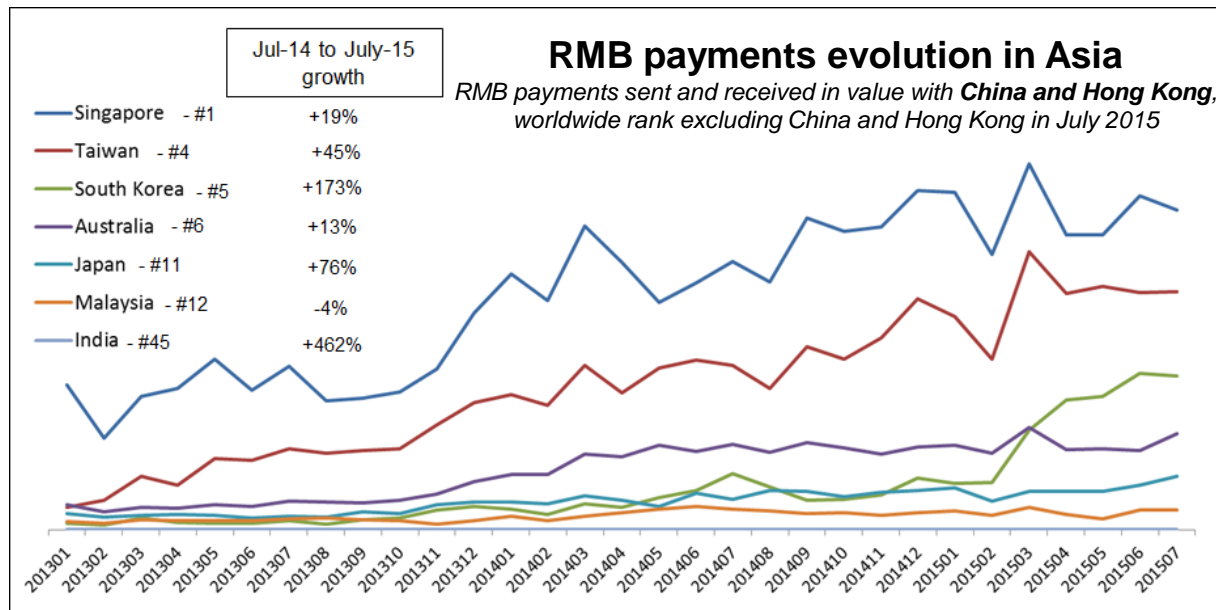


August RMB Tracker:

- SWIFT's latest RMB tracker shows double-digit growth for RMB cross border payments in value compared to July 2014 in several major markets in Asia with China and Hong Kong. Next to Singapore (+19%), South Korea (+173%) and Taiwan (+45%) showed the greatest increase in RMB payments in value with China and Hong Kong compared to last year.
- RMB adoption by South Korea and Taiwan for payments with China and Hong increased to 84% and 80%, respectively, for all payments across currencies.
- The appointment of clearing centers in Taipei, Singapore, Seoul and more recently Sydney and Kuala Lumpur clearly promotes the use of the currency for global trade and finance across the region.
- In July 2015, the RMB held its position as the fifth most active currency for global payments in value with a record high share of 2.34%, a slight increase from 2.09% in June 2015. Overall, RMB payments increased in value by 8.12% in July 2015, whilst all payments currencies decreased in value by 3.84%.

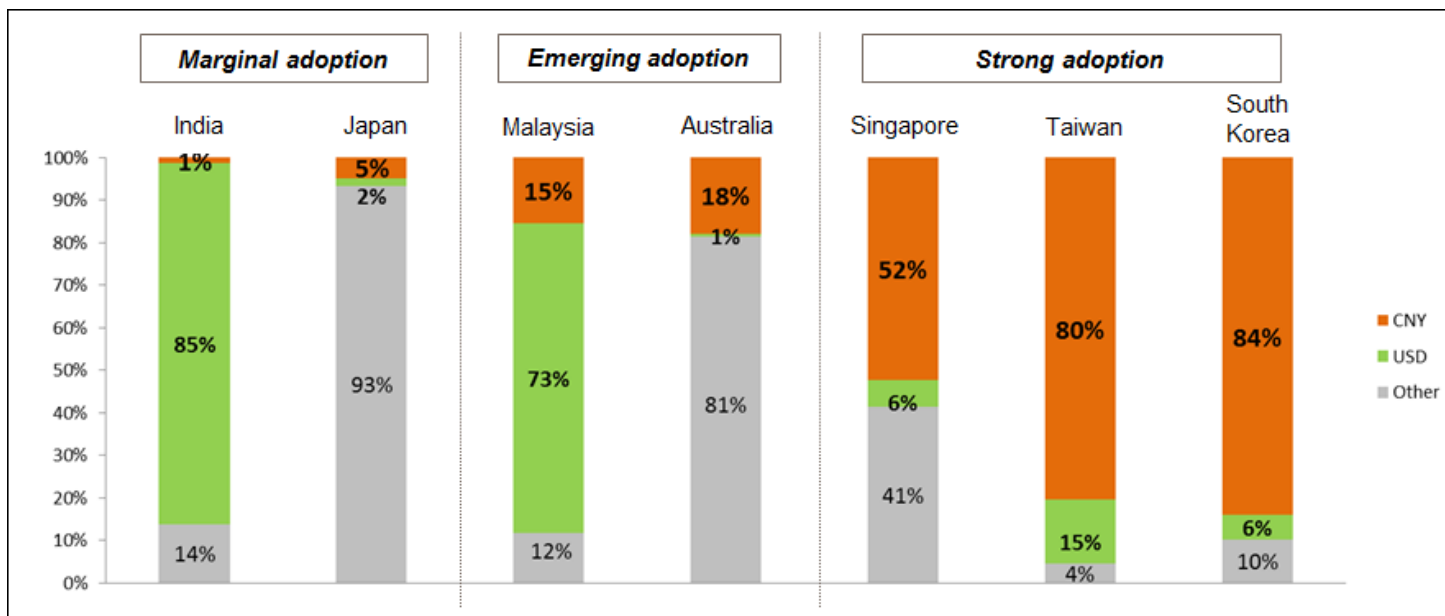


South Korea and Taiwan use the RMB for the majority of payments with China and Hong Kong



RMB payments value weight

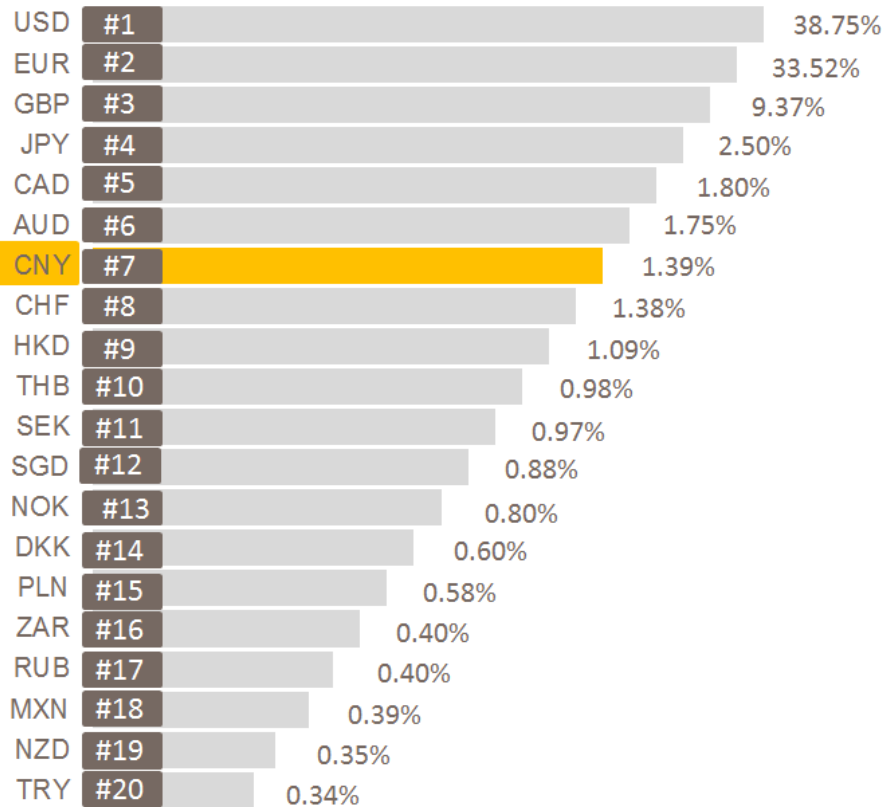
International flows sent and received directly with **China and Hong Kong**, January - July 2015



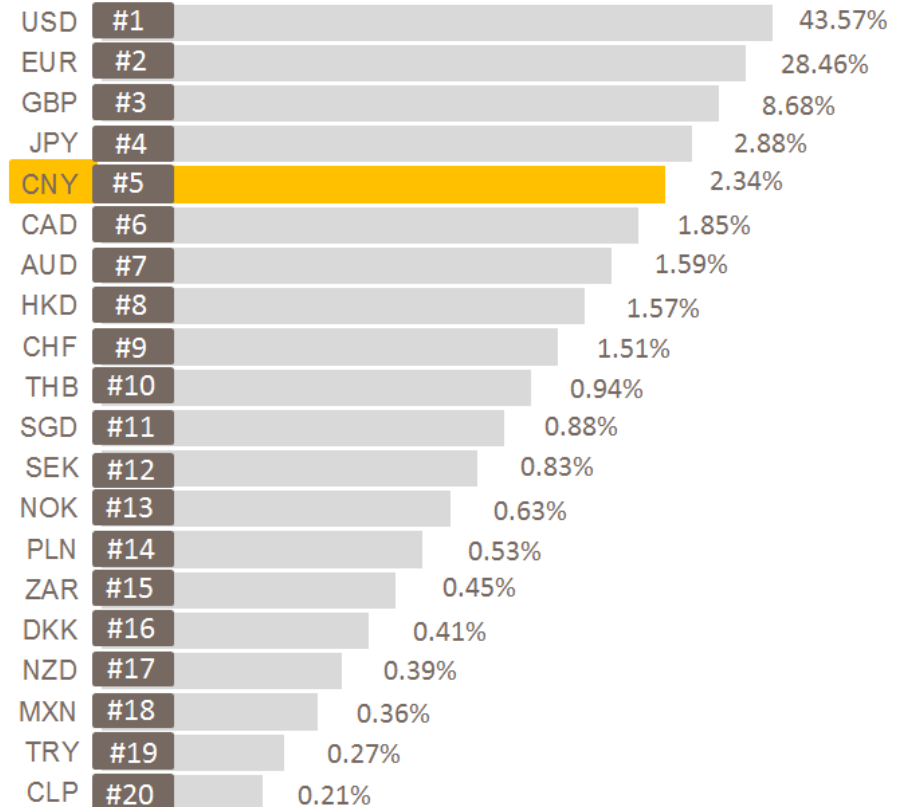
RMB as world payments currency in value

Customer initiated and institutional payments. Messages exchanged on SWIFT. Based on value.

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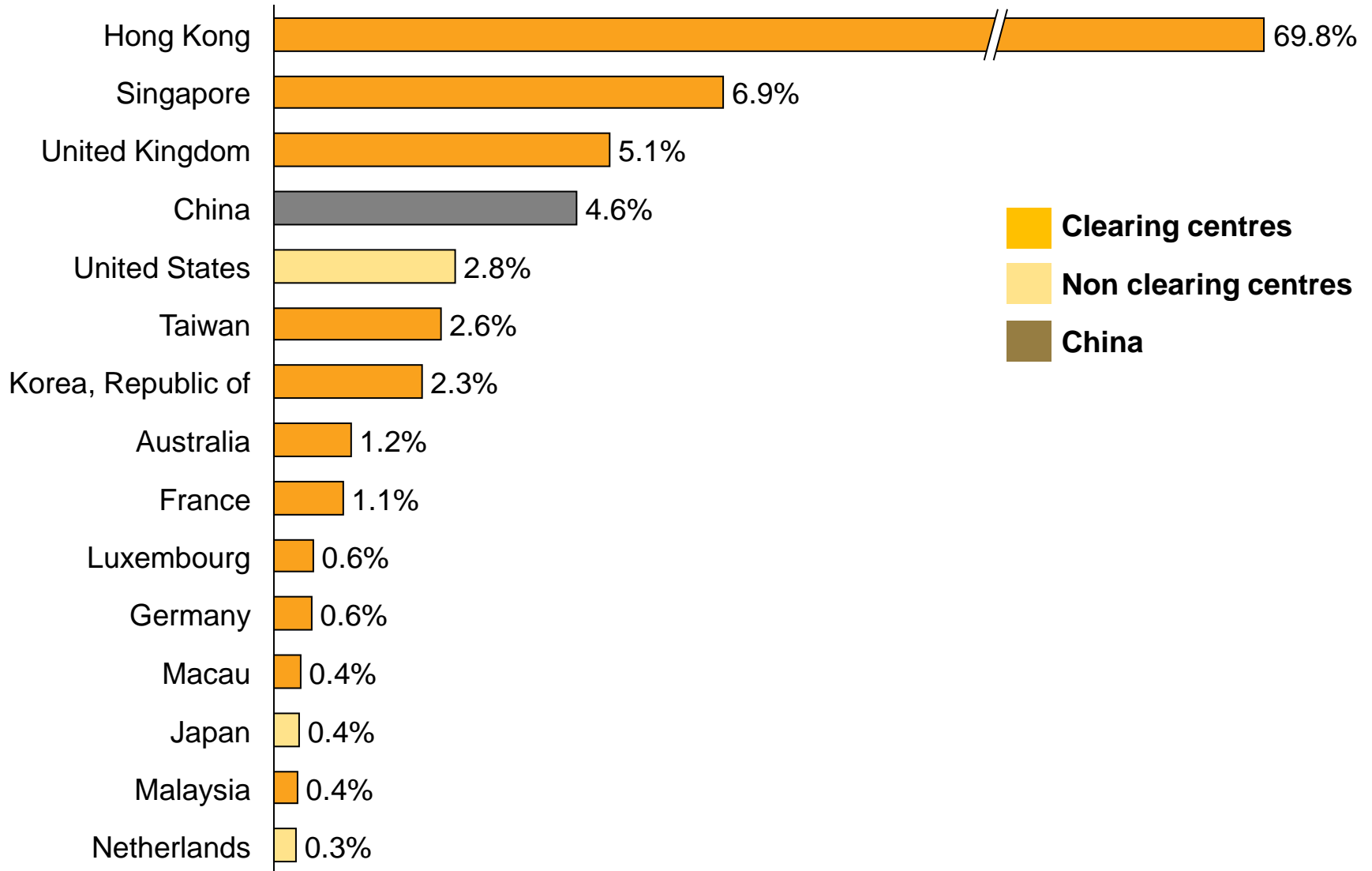


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Top 15 RMB countries by weight – July 2015

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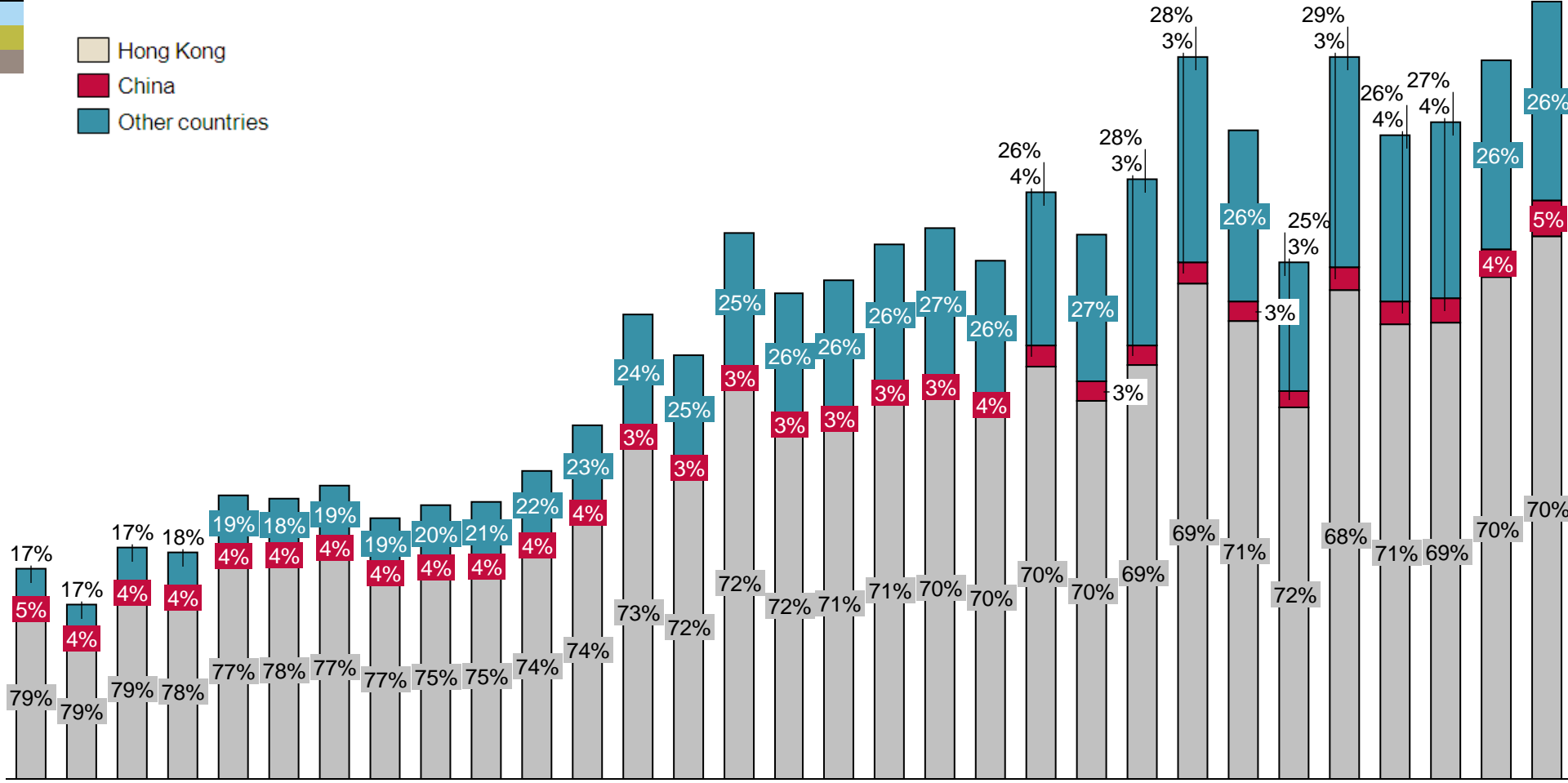


Source: SWIFT Watch

RMB payments evolution

Customer initiated and institutional payments. Messages exchanged on SWIFT. Based on value.

- Hong Kong
- China
- Other countries



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