

# Comments on ASEAN Financial Integration and RMB Internationalization

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As ASEAN aims to establish a "Single Market and Production Base", there is a need for Financial Integration to support real economic integration





**ASEAN Financial Integration by 2020 (Semi-Integrated)** 

**Financial Services Liberalization** 

**Capital Market Development** 

**Capital Account Liberalization** 

**Payment and Settlement Systems** 



# **Key areas of ASEAN Financial Integration**

#### **Financial Services Liberalization**

- Liberalizing cross-border banking and insurance sectors through:
  - 1. Qualified ASEAN Banks (QABs)
  - 2. Framework and timelines for insurance sector integration.

## **Capital Market Development**

- Linking and developing ASEAN equity and bond markets.
- Three equity markets (Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore) have been linked since 2013 under 'ASEAN Trading Link'.

#### **Capital Account Liberalization**

- Liberalizing capital movements consistent with individual national agendas, while allowing safeguards against risks.
- Emerging market members are now focusing on liberalizing portfolio outflows

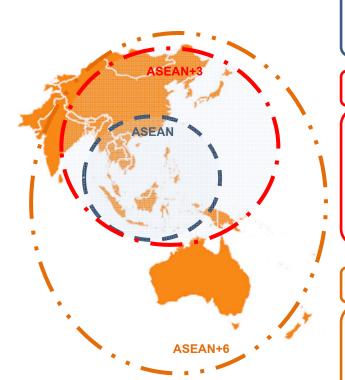
#### **Payment and Settlement Systems**

- Fostering integrated, safe, and efficient systems in areas of:
  - 1. Trade Settlement
  - 2. Money Remittance
  - 3. Retail Payment
  - 4. Capital Market Settlement
  - 5. Standardization



## **ASEAN Integration into the Global Economy**

# **Breadth and Depth of Regional Economic Architecture**



#### **ASEAN**

- ASEAN Economic Community
- ASEAN Financial Integration



#### **ASEAN+3**

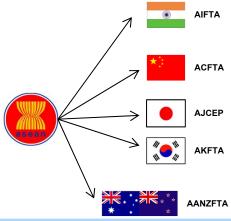
- Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization
  - ✓ 240 Billion USD
  - **√** 30% Delinked Portion
  - **✓** Precautionary Line



#### **ASEAN+6**

- ASEAN+6 bilateral Free Trade
- Agreements (FTAs)
- Regional Comprehensive

**Economic Partnership (RCEP)** 

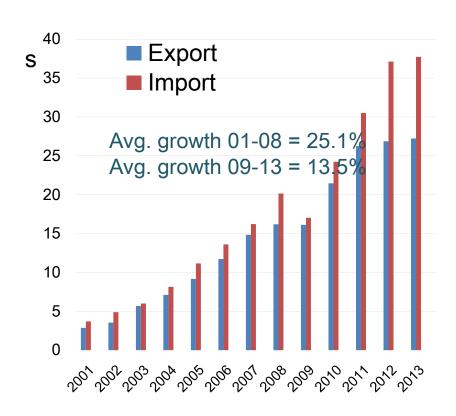


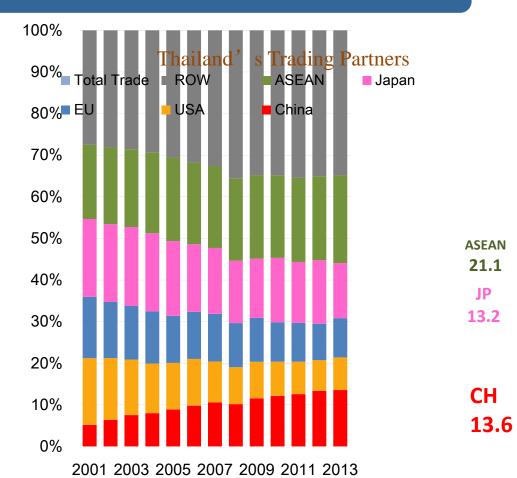


# Thailand's Trade with China has been continuously increasing

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Thailand-China Trade





Source: Bank of Thailand

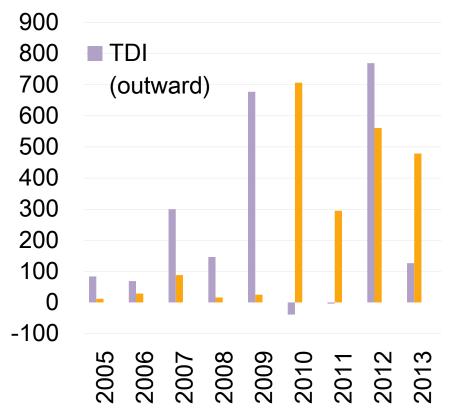
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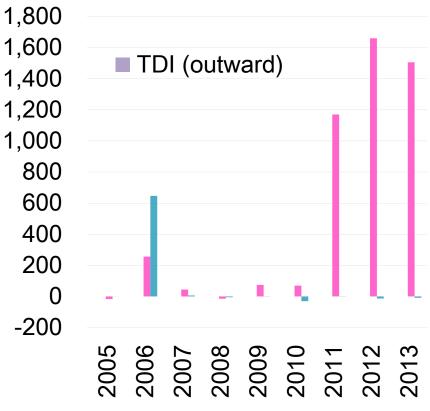
## ..and so have investment flows

## **Thailand-China FDI Flows**



#### Source: Bank of Thailand

#### **Thailand-China FPI Flows**

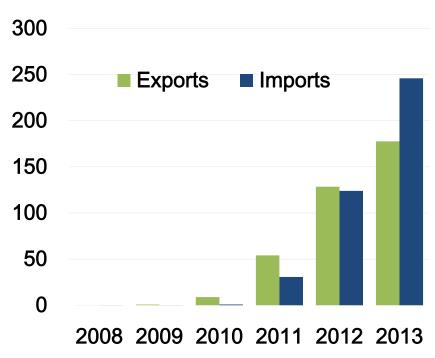




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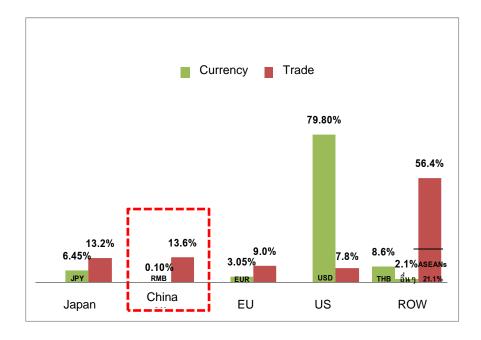
## While RMB use in trade have increased, there is much room for growth

RMB Use in Trade Settlements



Source: Bank of Thailand

## **Trade Settlement Currencies (2013)**



Source: Bank of Thailand