

PBC Releases Financial Statistics for the first three quarters of 2014

Recently, the People's Bank of China released financial statistics for the first three quarters of 2014. According to the Report, the growth of broad money supply (M2) was 12.9% and that of narrow money supply (M1) was 4.8% by the end of September. In the first three quarters, RMB loans increased by RMB 7.68 trillion, while foreign currency loans increased by USD 61.5 billion. In the first three quarters, RMB deposits increased by RMB 8.27 trillion, while foreign currency deposits increased by USD 140.2 billion. The monthly weighted average interest rate of inter-bank lending was 2.97% in September and that of bond pledged repo was 2.93%. The balance of foreign exchange reserves was USD 3.89 trillion. In the first three quarters, RMB settlement business volume in cross-border trade was RMB 4.82 trillion accumulatively, and direct investment in RMB settlement business volume was RMB 720.8 billion accumulatively.

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PBC Releases Statistics on Social Financing for the first three quarters of 2014

According to preliminary statistics, the scale of social financing was RMB 12.84 trillion in the first three quarters of 2014, RMB 1.12 trillion less than the same period last year. To be specific, in the first three quarters, RMB loans increased by RMB 7.68 trillion with a y-o-y increase of RMB 404.5 billion; foreign currency loans after converting into RMB increased by RMB 375.6 billion, with a y-o-y decrease of RMB 140.9 billion. In terms of structure, RMB loans accounted for 59.8% of the total social financing in the same period, up by 7.7 percentage points, and foreign currency loans accounted for 2.9%, down by 0.8 percentage points in the first three quarters.

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Central Banks of China and Russia Sign bilateral currency swap agreement

Approved by the State Council, the People's Bank of China and the Central Bank of the Russian Federation signed a bilateral currency swap agreement worth RMB 150 billion or 815 billion Rubles on October 13, 2014. The agreement is aimed at facilitating bilateral trade and direct investment and promoting bilateral economic development. The swap agreement is valid for three years, and may be extended with mutual consent.

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CIRC Releases “Interim Measures on Management of Non-insurance subsidiaries of Insurance Companies”

Recently, China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) released the Interim Measures on Management of Non-insurance Subsidiaries of Insurance Companies” (“Measures”). By drawing upon international experience, the Measures requires to adopt an indirect supervision model, and enhance information sharing with other financial regulatory agencies by taking regulatory measures on insurance companies and acquiring relevant information of insurance companies according to the law, so as to comprehensively monitor risks of non-insurance subsidiaries of insurance companies. The Measures also lays out relevant measures to prevent risks from transferring to the insurance industry, maintain security and stability of the industry, and effectively protect the interests of insurance consumers.

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