

# Foreign investors trade A shares

## Rule change seen as significant step to further open mainland's equity markets

By CHINA DAILY

Monday was the first trading day foreign individuals working on the Chinese mainland were allowed to trade in the country's A-share market. It marked a milestone in financial market opening-up, analysts said.

Individuals from overseas who work in China, as well as A-share listed companies' foreign employees living overseas who are granted stock option incentives, were allowed to open A-share accounts and trade freely in the market from Saturday. The change was announced by China Securities Depository and Clearing Corp Ltd in a statement published on Aug 15.

Before the reform, only for-

eigners with permanent residency in China had been allowed to trade freely in the A-share market.

Foreign investors from a wide range of countries and regions are now included, as long as their respective countries' securities regulators have signed cooperation partnership agreements with the China Securities Regulatory Commission, according to the statement.

So far, the CSRC has signed such agreements with 61 countries and regions, including the United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore.

"The reform is a big step for financial market opening-up," said Dong Dengxin, director of the Finance and Securities Institute at Wuhan University of Science and

Technology. It is partly because the reform gives many more foreign individual investors the "national treatment" — the same treatment as locals — in gaining access to China's capital market, according to Dong.

"Before the reform, foreign individual investors faced restrictions on investment amounts and targets under the stock connect program between the mainland and Hong Kong bourses, which was a major approach for them to access A shares," Dong said. But the reform allows many of them to trade A shares directly with no restrictions, just as local residents do, he said.

Yuan Guangping, a portfolio investment manager at Beijing StarRock Investment Management Co Ltd, said that A-share investors becoming more diversified after the reform will enhance market

liquidity and optimize the capital market structure.

CSDC's statement stipulated four elements are required for a foreign individual to open an A-share account, including an application form, their passport and a photocopy, a certificate of employment, and a photocopy of the employer's business license.

Currently, opening an account is done in person because all the certificates need to be reviewed manually, reported a social media outlet of Shenzhen-based stcn.com. In contrast, Chinese citizens can open an A-share account simply by using their ID card online.

Other more fundamental factors may also hinder foreign individuals from investing in A shares, analysts said.

Individuals from the United States and Europe working in China, usually high-net-worth investors employed as

senior managers, may not have strong incentives to invest in the A-share market, since they can easily invest in more mature capital markets back home, Dong from WUST said.

Hong Hao, chief strategist at BOCOM International Holdings Co, said the amount of capital inflow prompted by the reform may not be considerable in the short term, given the limited number of foreign investors included in the new regulation and the current lukewarm investment environment in the A-share market, reported Shanghai-based thepaper.cn.

China's stock markets dipped on Monday, with combined turnover hitting 206.78 billion yuan (\$30.1 billion), a new low since two and a half years ago.

Zhou Lanxun and Wang Yanfei contributed to the story.

# Guizhou to host first self-driving training center

By JING SHUIYU in Beijing and YANG JUN in Guiyang

The world's first training base for self-driving technology engineers launched on Monday in Southwest China's Guizhou province, addressing the talent shortage in the burgeoning industry.

The base was initiated by Guizhou-based HanKaiSi Intelligent Technology Co, online educational organization Udacity Inc and software company Tier IV Inc. It offers online courses and classroom training.

The first batch of 15 selected candidates mainly come from sectors such as self-driving, artificial intelligence and vehicle engineering. They will start their five-day classroom-based courses on Sept 18.

"The AI industry in China is currently set to face a shortage of up to 5 million workers. Globally, there are only 300,000 professionals engaged in this field," said Xiong Shangwen, general manager of Udacity China.

The total number of skilled workers in the country's smart car industry is estimated to be less than 20,000, delaying the industry's development, according to research by the Auto Talents Committee of the China Talents Society.

Yu Chuan, CEO of HanKaiSi, said the company will share its resources relating to the PIX self-driving project with the base, "so we can integrate online and offline technological training, and address the current challenges facing the self-driving sector through open and innovative solutions."

According to Yu, candidates participating in the program will not only learn via online self-driving courses, but also can test their self-driving code on real vehicles, to fully understand the principles and to accurately lever-



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age the technologies. Seasoned research and development advisers are also available to offer guidance.

Fueling the move is Guizhou's long-term commitment to driving the big data and AI industries to expand local economic growth in a sustainable and robust manner. As a national pilot area for big data development, the province has rolled out favorable policies and supported companies in scientific and technological innovation.

Zhang Yu, deputy director of Guiyang High Tech Zone, said, "The local government will put forward more measures to lower the costs of trial runs and encourage the development of the self-driving industry."

According to Zhang, Guiyang, capital of Guizhou, plans to issue regulations and license plates for testing connected vehicles. It also plans to establish a 20-kilometer road, called Big Data Demonstration Avenue, which will combine a set of cutting-edge technological elements. The PIX self-driving project proposed a variety of plans for the construction of the road.

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# Global air passengers set to double by 2038

By CHAI HUA and LI WENFANG in Guangzhou

As China has become the world's second-largest aviation market, limited capacity has become a major bottleneck for many domestic airports, which are rushing to better tap their physical and digital resources.

The International Air Transport Association forecast that global passenger numbers will double in the next 20 years to 7.8 billion people, with half of all new passengers coming from the Asia-Pacific region, to which China will be a large contributor.

Wang Zhiqing, deputy administrator of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, estimated the number of outbound Chinese tourists will exceed 700 million in the next few years.

"Such a huge consumer

group will lay a solid foundation for the expansion of the aviation market," he said.

"China will have developed 130 new airports" to cope with the expansion, he said.

Wang made the remarks at the 24th World Route Development Forum, an international exhibition of airlines and airports. About 3,500 delegates from 115 countries gathered in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, for the three-day event.

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, one of China's top three hub airports, is adding more facilities to cope with its surging traffic volume. Its passenger throughput and cargo volume accelerated 10 percent and 7.5 percent respectively last year.

The airport is building its third terminal and two more runways, which are expected to increase capacity by 120



Passengers walk through Terminal 2 of Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport. XINHUA

million passengers and 3.8 million metric tons of cargo when completed.

Qiu Jiachen, chairman of Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, said the airport's intelligentization is the key for its development, with the upgrade covering passen-

ger services, security management and airport operation. The airport uses intelligent video monitoring, facial recognition, smart coordination systems and other advanced technologies.

Global delegates at the World Routes forum said they were impressed by China's airports, adding they look for-

ward to cooperating in various areas.

"China's airports are fantastic in terms of technology and passenger flow," said Elizabeth Axtelius, director of aviation business at Swedavia Airports.

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## Daily Stock Market Performance



## Gainers and Losers

Index	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Shanghai Stock Exchange	6.12	10.07	
Tonghua Grape Wine Co	4.71	10.05	
Changchun Gas Co Ltd	6.39	9.98	
Zhejiang XCC Group Co	11.24	9.98	
Delixi Xinjiang Trans	30.45	9.61	
Anhui Golden Seed Winery	5.55	6.94	
TVZone Media Co Ltd	17.51	6.77	
Rising Nonferrous Metals Share	22.94	6.60	
Yindu Kitchen Equipment	11.58	5.85	
Jinzhong Jixiang Molybdenum	11.04	5.24	
Shenzhen Stock Exchange	15.17	7.13	
Jiuzhitang Co Ltd	5.38	6.53	
Hangzhou Inert Products	13.61	5.75	
Beijing Sinyuan Prtctn & Nw	0.95	5.56	
Zhonghong Holding Co	44.81	4.40	
BYD Co Ltd	18.79	4.04	
Jiugui Liqueur Co Ltd	13.88	3.81	
Guoxuan High-Tech Co	7.68	3.78	
Focus Media Info Tech	41.45	3.63	
Yunnan Chuangxin New Mtrl	4.05	3.58	
Konka Group Co Ltd	82.40	5.51	
AAC Technologies	35.20	4.14	
Sands China Ltd	49.85	3.85	
Galaxy Entertainment	22.85	3.39	
China Mengniu Dairy Co	96.00	3.23	
Sunny Optical Tech	6.02	-10.01	
Yantai Yuancheng Gold	10.44	-10.00	
Zhejiang Hisun Pharma	27.20	-9.99	
Aisino Corp	45.95	-9.99	
Shanghai Tiandyong Eng	26.13	-9.93	
Xinjiang East Univrs GrpG	35.56	-9.91	
Shangyang Global Co	9.55	-9.65	
Nanjing Xnjkd PrtmtStre	10.18	-9.11	
Zhejiang Xnnng Str PhtvltC	17.27	-9.11	
Jiangsu New Energy Dev	18.51	-9.04	
Taihai Manoir Nclr Eqpmnt	8.82	-11.09	
Chuying Agro-pastora	2.66	-10.14	
Xiamen Meiya Pico Info	17.69	-10.02	
Changyong Xinzhi Tech	15.55	-10.01	
Zhejiang Jngshng Mchncl&E	11.97	-10.00	
Changshajngj Mclrctmcs	45.27	-10.00	
Meisheng Cultural & Crtte	12.26	-9.99	
Harbin Gloria Pharma	3.27	-9.92	
Inspur EI Info Industry	23.60	-9.09	
Beijing SuperMap Sftw	20.95	-8.32	
China Petroleum & Chem	7.54	-1.82	
CLP Holdings Ltd	95.20	-1.81	
CNOOC Ltd	14.62	-0.68	
Link REIT	76.90	-0.32	
Ind & Comm Bk of China	5.49	-0.18	

## Cross Currency Rates

	USD	EUR	CNY	HKD	GBP	KRW	BRL	RUB	JPY	INR	CAD
USD		1.171	0.146	0.127	1.313	0.001	0.238	0.015	0.009	0.014	0.769
EUR	0.854		0.125	0.109	1.122	0.001	0.203	0.013	0.008	0.012	0.657
CNY	6.853	8.022		0.873	9.000	0.006	1.629	0.100	0.061	0.096	5.271
HKD	7.848	9.187	1.145		10.306	0.007	1.866	0.115	0.070	0.109	6.036
GBP	0.762	0.891	0.111	0.097		0.001	0.181	0.011	0.007	0.011	0.586
KRW	1116.830	1307.830	163.060	142.304	1467.740		265.643	16.321	9.991	15.565	859.640
BRL	4.207	4.918	0.614	0.536	5.524	0.004		0.061	0.038	0.059	3.236
RUB	68.485	80.162	9.992	8.726	89.940	0.061	16.278		0.612	0.953	52.673
JPY	111.840	130.930	16.320	14.250	146.863	0.100	26.583	1.633		1.559	86.023
INR	71.751	83.963	10.471	9.142	94.219	0.064	17.049	1.047	0.642		55.190
CAD	1.300	1.522	0.190	0.166	1.707	0.001	0.309	0.019	0.012	0.018	

Data provided by Bloomberg

## International Stock Markets

Index	Daily Close	% Chg	YTD % Chg
Hang Seng Index	27,286.41	1.0	
Hang Seng China Ent Index	10,575.17	0.7	
TAIEX Taiwan Stock Index	10,868.14	1.3	
Nikkei 225	23,094.67	1.2	
Sensex	38,054.72	0.9	
KOSPI	2,318.25	1.4	
S&P/ASX 200	6,165.33	0.6	
New Zealand 50 Gross Index	9,270.76	0.2	
Straits Times Index STI	3,162.18	1.0	
Bangkok SET Index	1,720.28	0.1	
Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index	1,803.04	0.6	
VN-Index	991.34	0.3	
Dow Jones	26,145.99	0.6	

## Commodities

Commodity	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	78.22	0.1	
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1208.20	-0.2	
Silver (USD/t oz.)	14.24	-0.3	
Copper (USD/lb.)	2.68	0.3	
Aluminum (USD/MT)	2029.00	0.0	
Corn (USD/bu.)	3.51	-0.6	
Wheat (USD/bu.)	4.97	-1.9	
Soybeans (USD/bu.)	8.33	-0.8	
Coffee (USD/lb.)	1.00	-0.4	
Sugar #11 (USD/lb.)	0.12	-3.0	
Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	2231.00	-0.5	

## ETFs

Equity ETFs	Ticker	Close	Daily % Change
China 50	510050	2.48	0.36
China AMC CSI 300 Index	510330	3.58	0.22
China CSI 500	510500	4.96	-1.06
China SME	159902	2.67	-0.34
China Universal CSI Consumer Staples Index	159928	1.93	1.31
E Fund ChiNext Price Index	159915	1.30	-1.66
E Fund CSI 300	510310	1.41	0.07
E Fund CSI 300 Financials ex Banks Index	512070	1.66	0.24
E Fund Hang Seng China Enterprises Index	510900	1.15	1.05
E FUND SZSE100 INDEX FUND	159901	3.69	0.19
Fortune SGAM Xianjin Tianyi Money Market	511990	100.02	0.01
Guangfa CSI 500	510510	1.32	-0.98
Guotai Shanghai Stock Exchange 180 Financial Index	510230	5.46	0.09
Harvest CSI 300 Index	159919	3.59	0.14
Huatai-Pinebridge CSI 300	510300	3.30	0.15
Shanghai SSE180	510180	2.93	0.14
SSE Pledge Urban Investment Bond	511220	94.24	0.06
Yinhua Traded Money Market Fund	511880	102.81	0.02