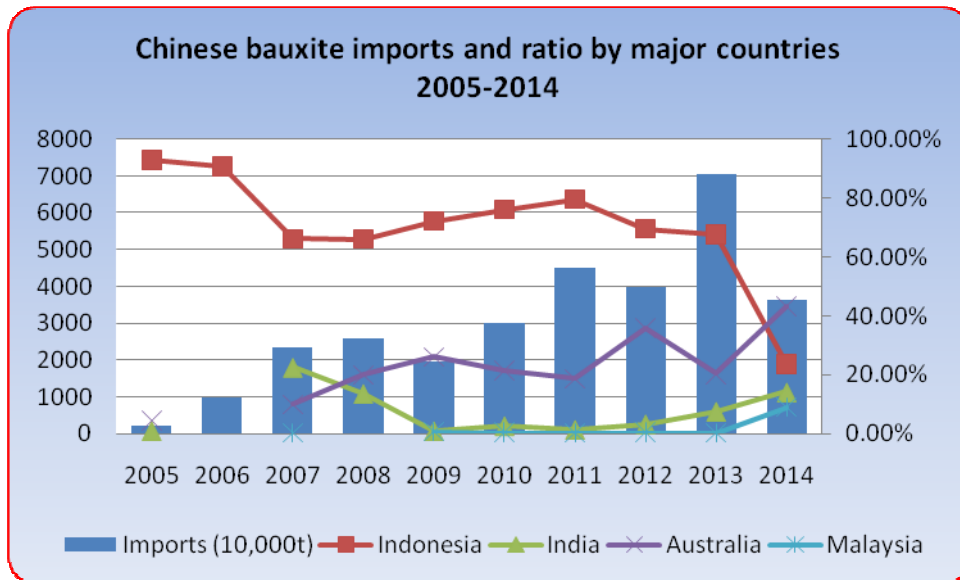


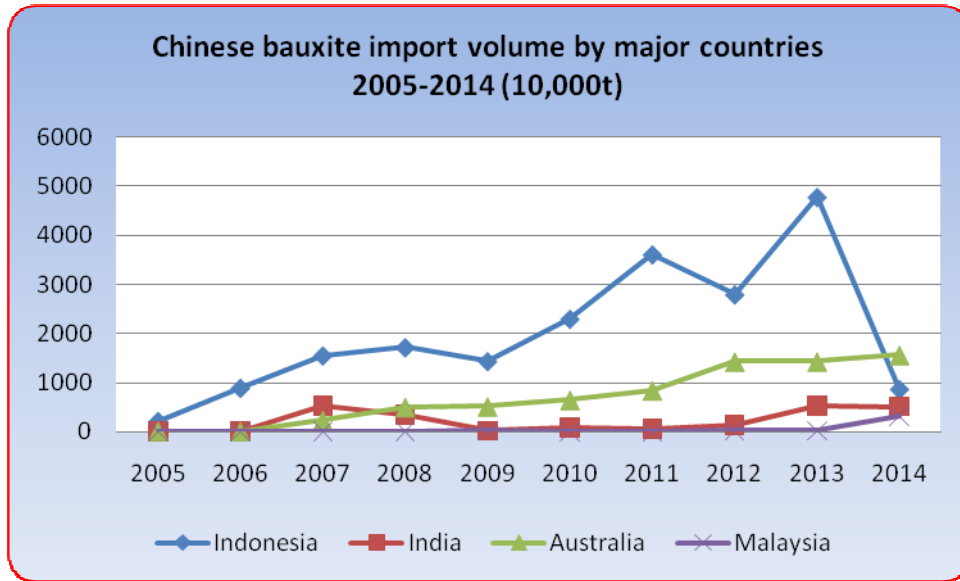
### Chinese bauxite imports analysis from 2005 to 2014

BEIJING (Asian Metal) 29 Jan 15 - According to China Customs, Chinese bauxite import volume dropped by 48.33% YOY to 36.28 million tonnes in 2014. Asian Metal took the import data in the past ten years and we can see the import volume from Indonesia, India, Australia and Malaysia.



From the above graph, we learn that Chinese bauxite import volume reached the highest level in 2013, touching 70.7 million tonnes. To prepare more inventories before Indonesia stopped bauxite export, Chinese buyers purchased a lot of bauxite in 2013. However, in 2014, the figure decreased significantly, since Indonesia stopped bauxite export in the early of the year.

From 2005 to 2013, Indonesia had been the biggest bauxite supplier to China. However, the ratio in the total import volume kept declining from the year of 2011, down from around 80% in 2011 to 24% in 2014.



Chinese bauxite import from Australia kept climbing up in the past ten years. In 2014, Australia exported around 15.6 million tonnes of bauxite to China, becoming the biggest bauxite supplier to China. The ratio for Australian bauxite also rose from 10% in 2007 to 43% in 2014.

In the past three years, Chinese bauxite imports from India also kept increasing from 1.3 million tonnes to 5.1 million tonnes. The ratio moved up from 3% to 14% in the past three years.

China imported few bauxite from Malaysia before 2014 and the ratio was less than 1%. However, in 2014, the import volume from Malaysia climbed up significantly to 3.26 million tonnes and the ratio edged up to 8.9%.

Looking ahead, in the next few years, Australia will continue to be the biggest bauxite supplier to China, if Indonesia does not resume export. Besides of Malaysia, there may be more new various suppliers.