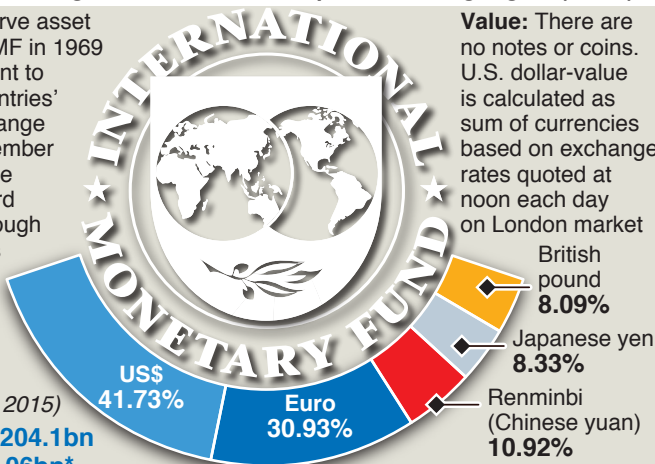


China joins the SDR club

China has become the first developing country to have its currency – the renminbi – placed in the International Monetary Fund's benchmark basket of lending reserves, the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)

SDRs: Reserve asset created by IMF in 1969 as supplement to member countries' foreign exchange reserves. Member can exchange SDRs for hard currency through trading deals with other countries

Value: There are no notes or coins. U.S. dollar-value is calculated as sum of currencies based on exchange rates quoted at noon each day on London market



SDR basket

(from Dec 1, 2015)

Total SDRs: **204.1bn**

Value: **\$280.06bn***

Beijing's reforms: Tying exchange rate of Renminbi (yuan) at start of daily trading to its previous day's close – was set by People's Bank of China – better access for foreigners to Chinese currency markets, expanded trading hours

Aug 2015: 2.7% devaluation of yuan seen as move towards markets fixing currency's value

