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Abstracts

Prepaid Cards and Stored-Value Accounts in China 2010: Opportunities in Retail, e-Commerce, Transportation, and Other Key Sectors is the most up-to-date and comprehensive study available on China's growing stored-value account and prepaid card markets. Released in November 2010, this is our first major report on this fast-growing and increasingly complex market, and it is essential reading for prepaid technology providers, payment processors, banks, merchants, and others interested in China's prepaid payment markets.

Key Topics Covered

Leading business models for major prepaid and stored-value account (SVA) products in China, including retail payment networks, online payment systems, transportation cards, and others

Government regulations on the market and how they differ for closed-loop, semiclosed loop, and open-loop payment networks

Remaining obstacles to prepaid cash card market growth in China

Opportunities for international companies looking to do business in China

Third-party payment providers: Alipay, 99Bill, Tenpay, YeePay, and others

Transportation networks: Yikatong, Octopus, Jiaotongka, Yangchengtong, Shenzhentong, and others



Prepaid card networks: Zihexin, Edenred (Accor), Lianhua OK, SmartPass, and others

Mobile operators: China Mobile, China Unicom, and China Telecom

In the past ten years, a wide range of prepaid payment solutions has evolved to serve many different consumers' needs:

Public transportation cards, a necessity for hundreds of millions of urban residents, are increasingly being accepted as payment for non-transportation goods and services.

Prepaid mobile phone top-up cards have become a popular form of payment with many in China's wildly popular online gaming community.

The vast majority e-commerce payments in China are handled by third-party providers such as Alipay and 99Bill, whose stored-value accounts provide a convenient and secure link between merchants and consumer bank accounts.

Chain stores and supermarkets in China are issuing their own closed-loop prepaid cards, which have become popular as gift cards -- especially with large enterprises looking to offer rewards and gifts to their employees.

In some cities, merchant networks are establishing "buyer's club" prepaid cards in a semi-closed loop model, offering payment convenience and discounts as a way to attract new business.

The Chinese government is testing a next-generation citizen identification card that incorporates payment technology and, if implemented nationwide, is expected to become a major force in China's payment sector.

Prepaid Cards and Stored-Value Accounts in China 2010 is researched and written in China but intended for an international audience. We examine the leading business models, profile key market players, identify investment and partnership opportunities, and forecast market growth in China for the coming years. Our analysis also draws from numerous in-depth interviews with leading online payment and prepaid industry experts.



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