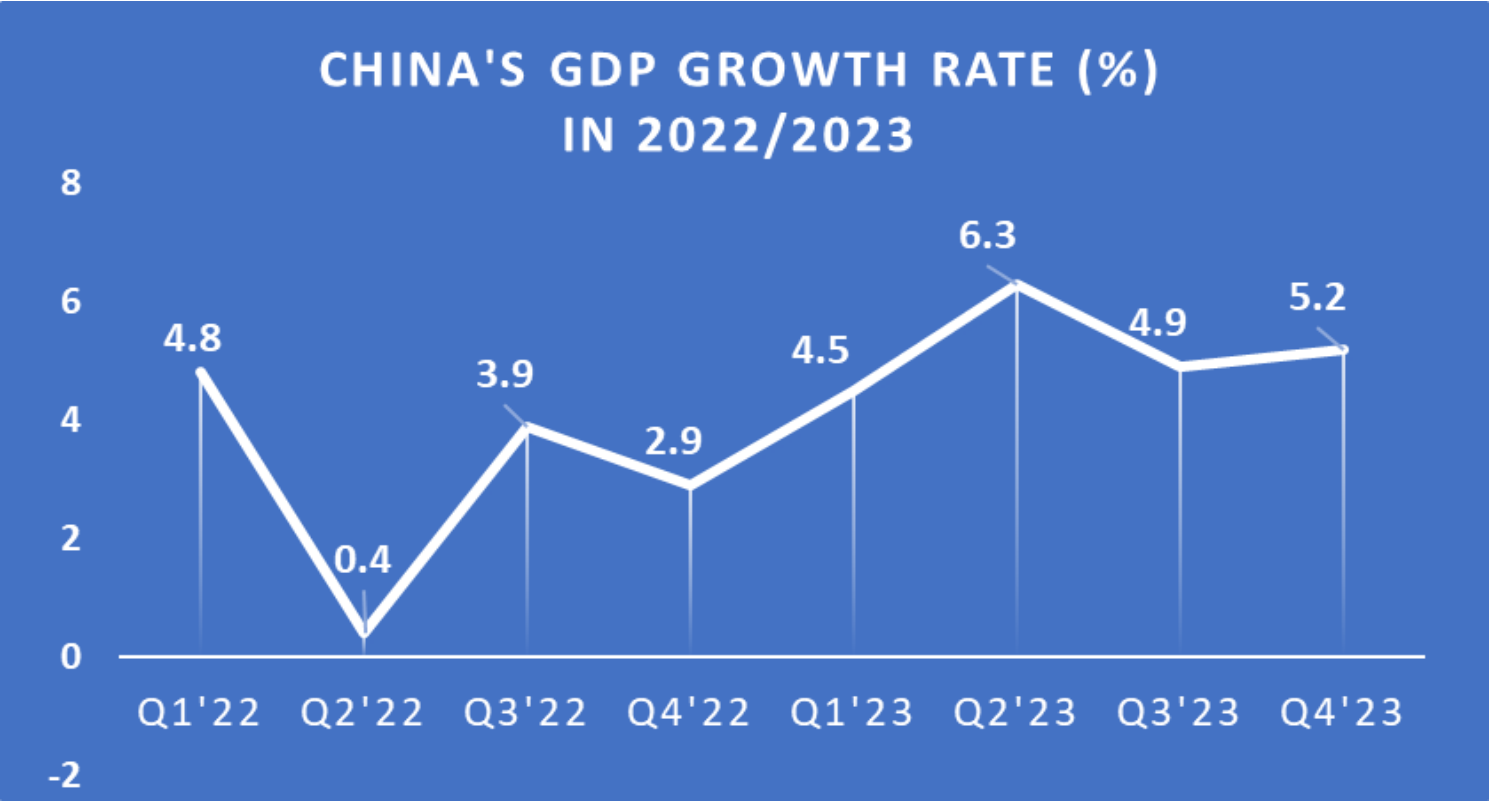


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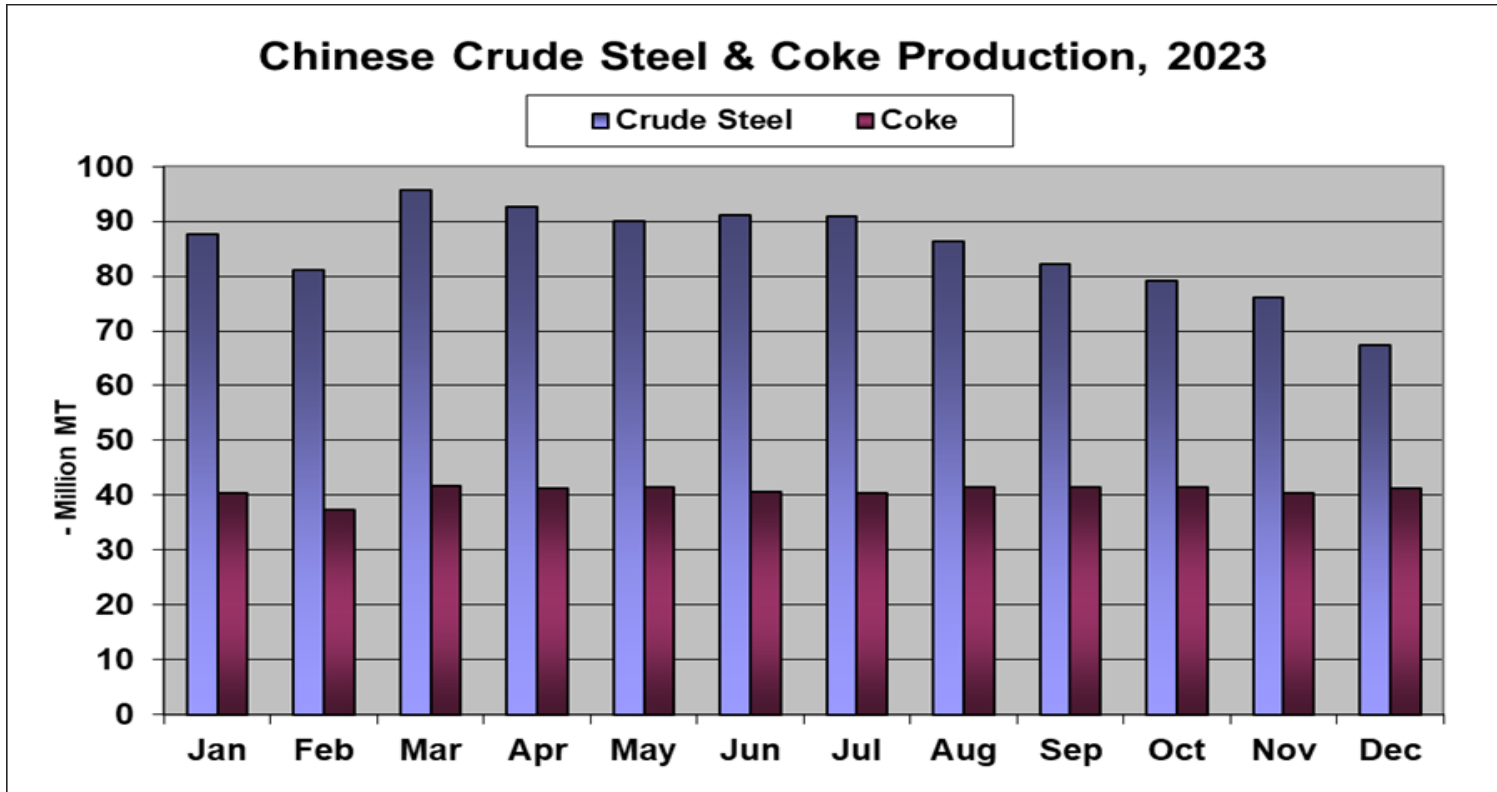
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China's Economy performance in 2023 whole year GDP Growth 5.2%

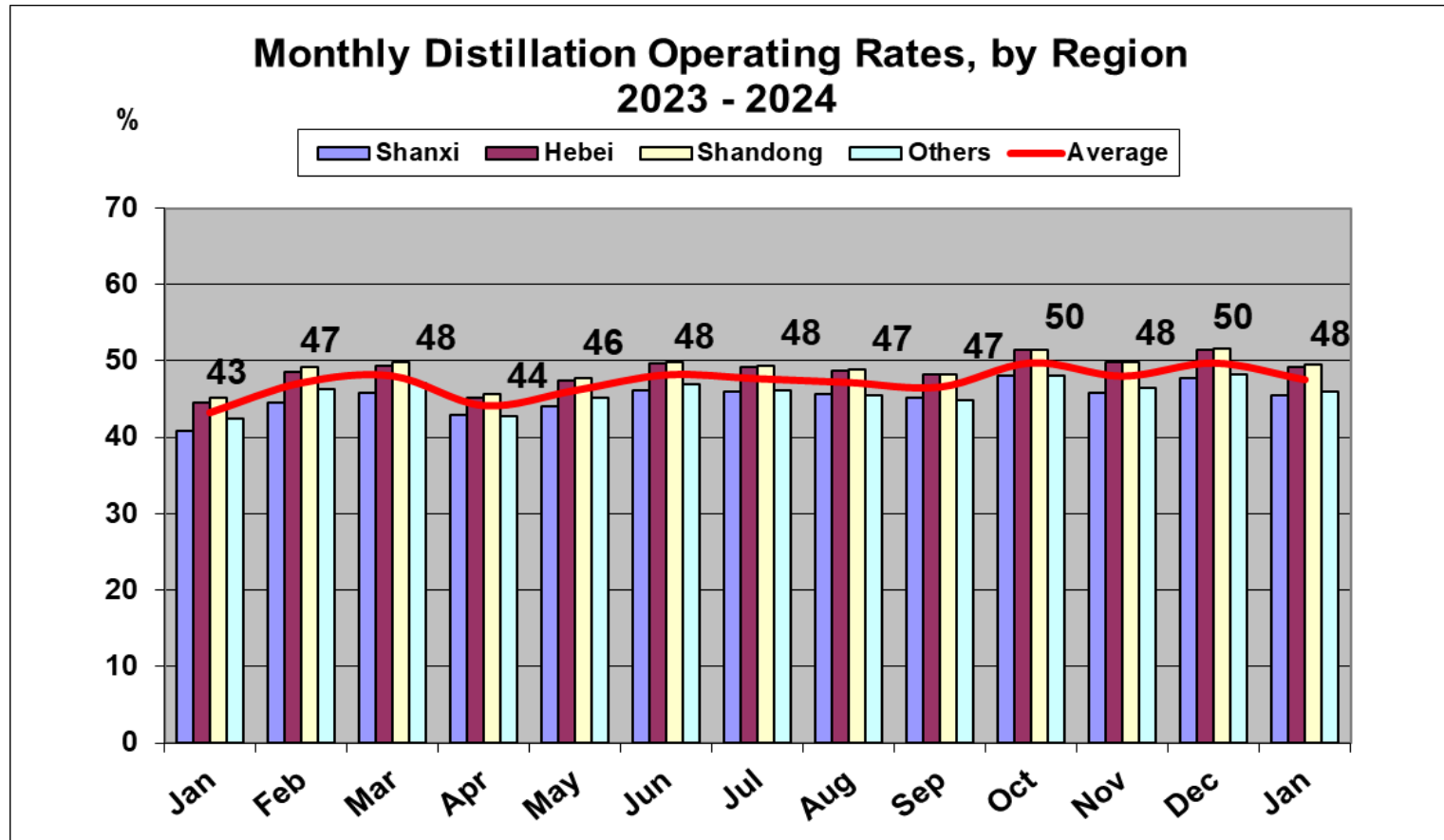


Steel and Coke Production, 2023

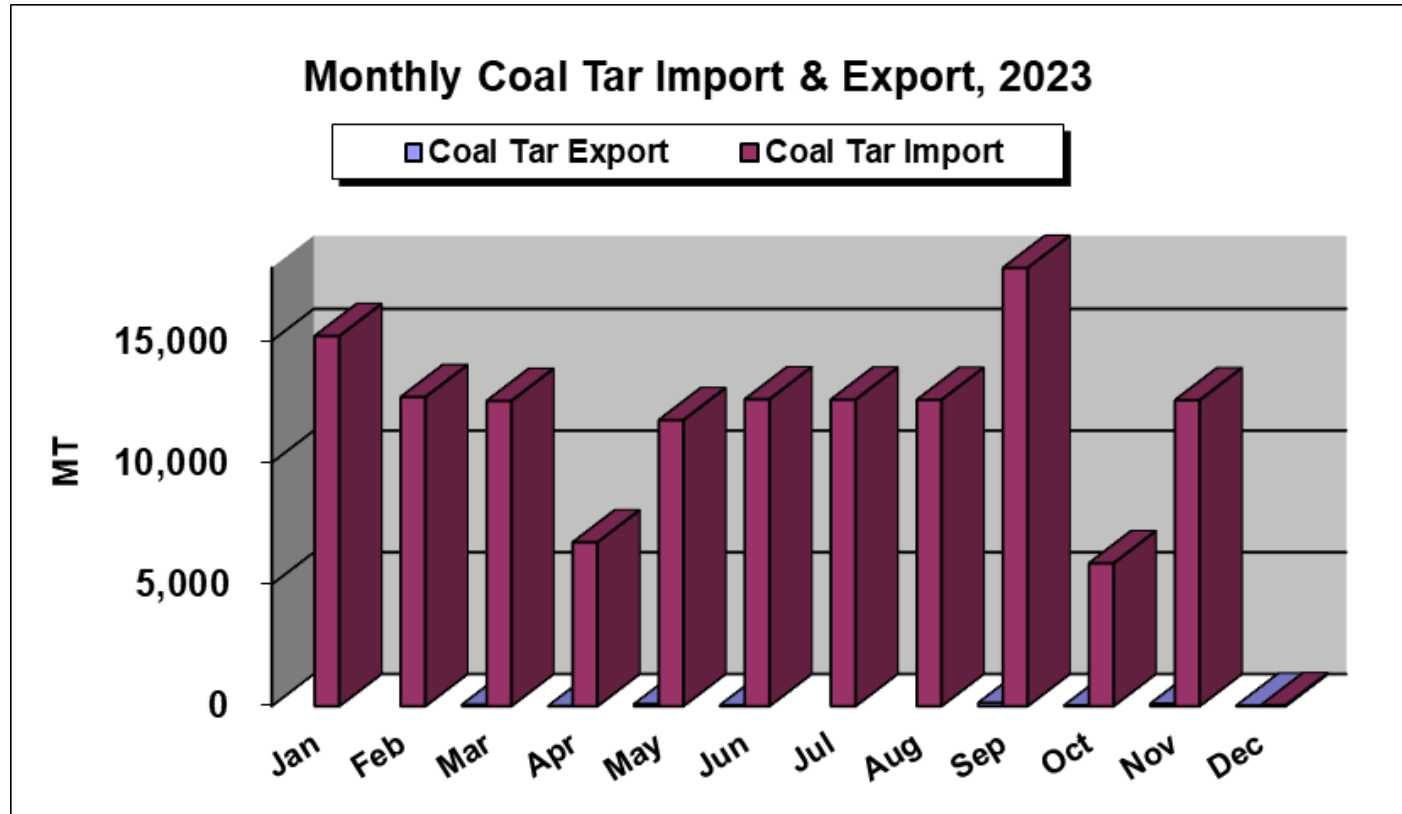


- China produced 1,019 million tons of crude steel in 2023, same level.
- China produced 493 million tons of coke in 2023, up 3.6%

Tar Distillation Operating Rate

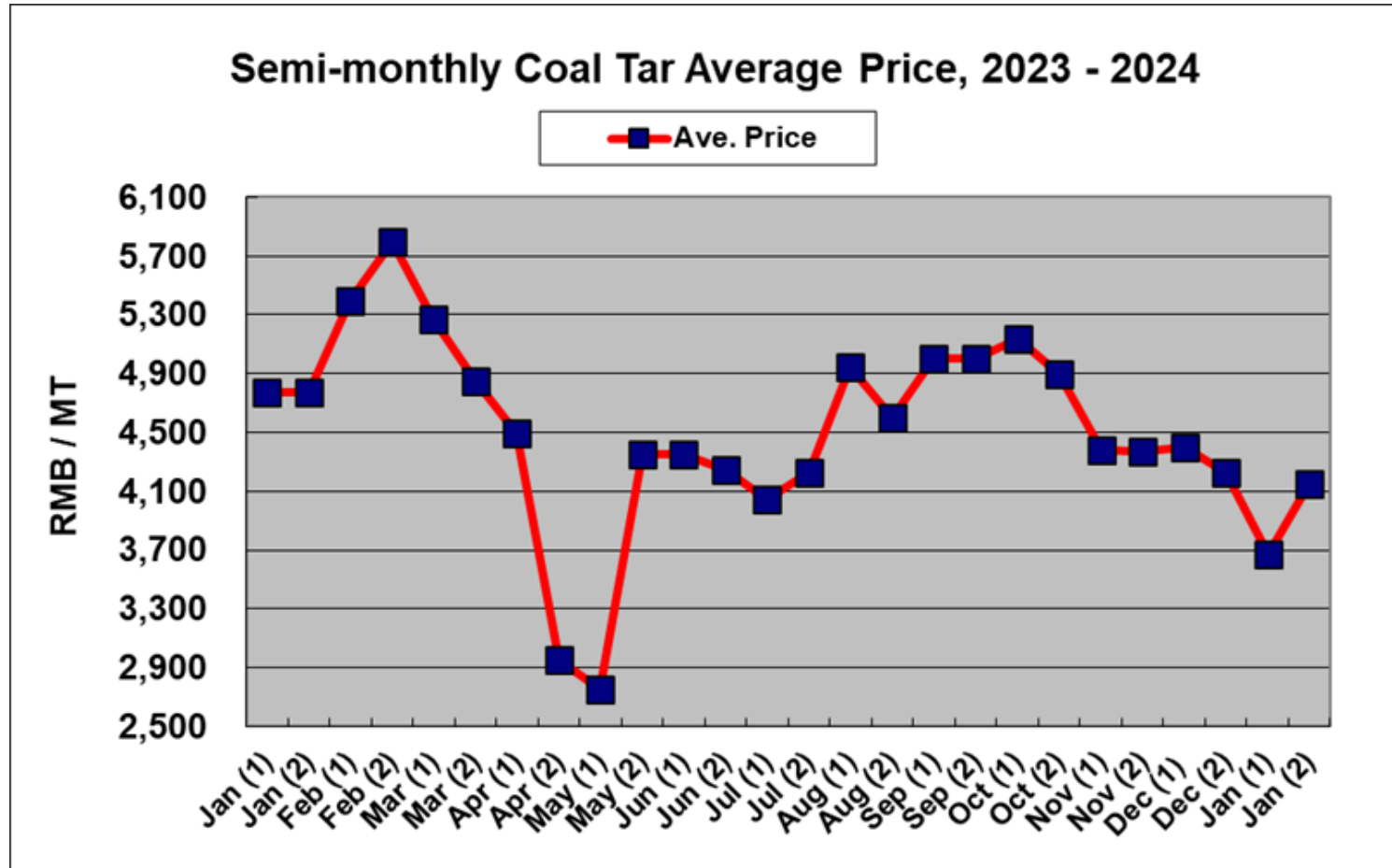


Coal Tar Import & Export, 2023

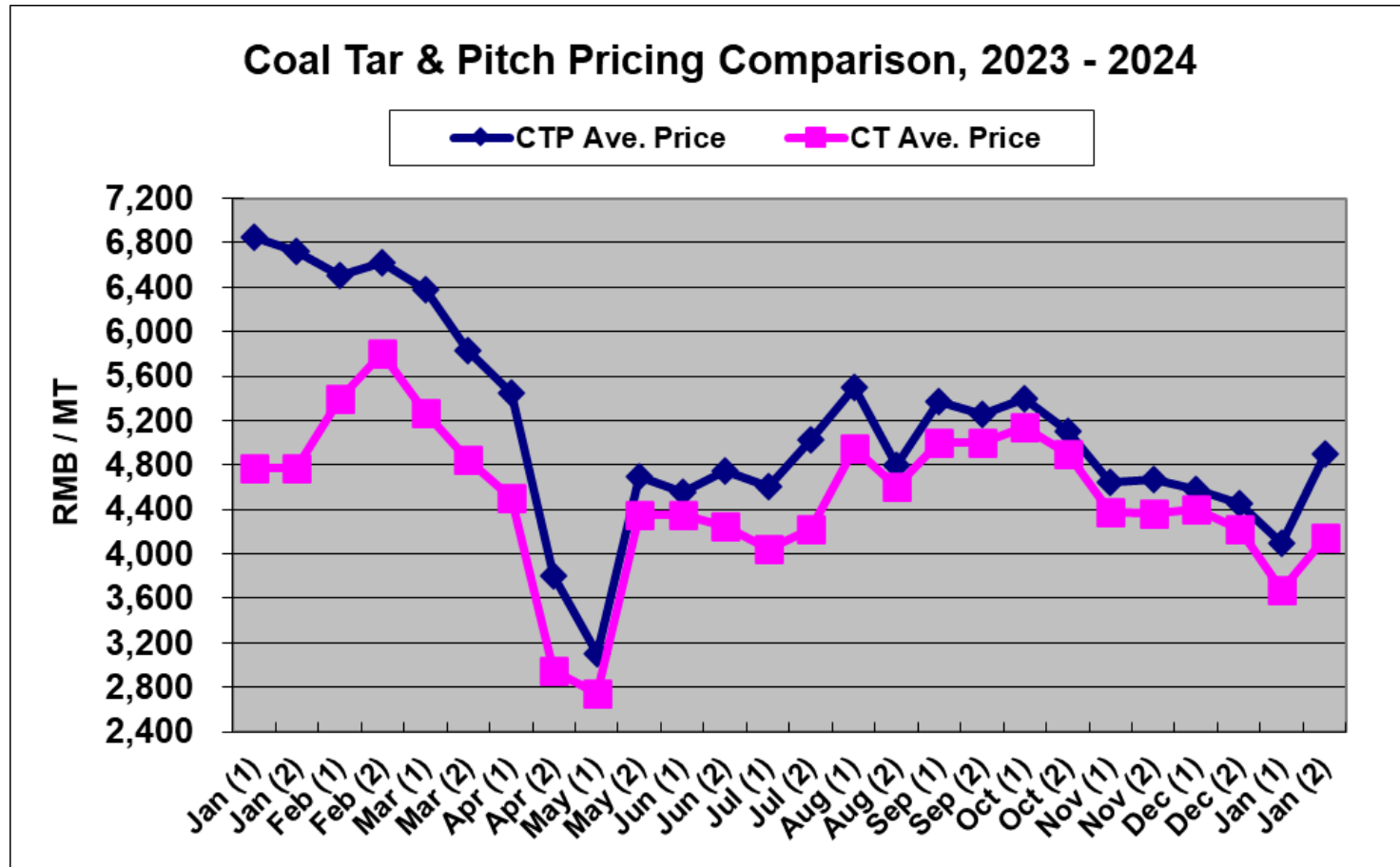


- China imported 133,600 tons of coal tar in 2023, up 20.3%
- China exported 487 tons of coal tar in 2023, down 94.1%

China Coal Tar Price, 2023-2024



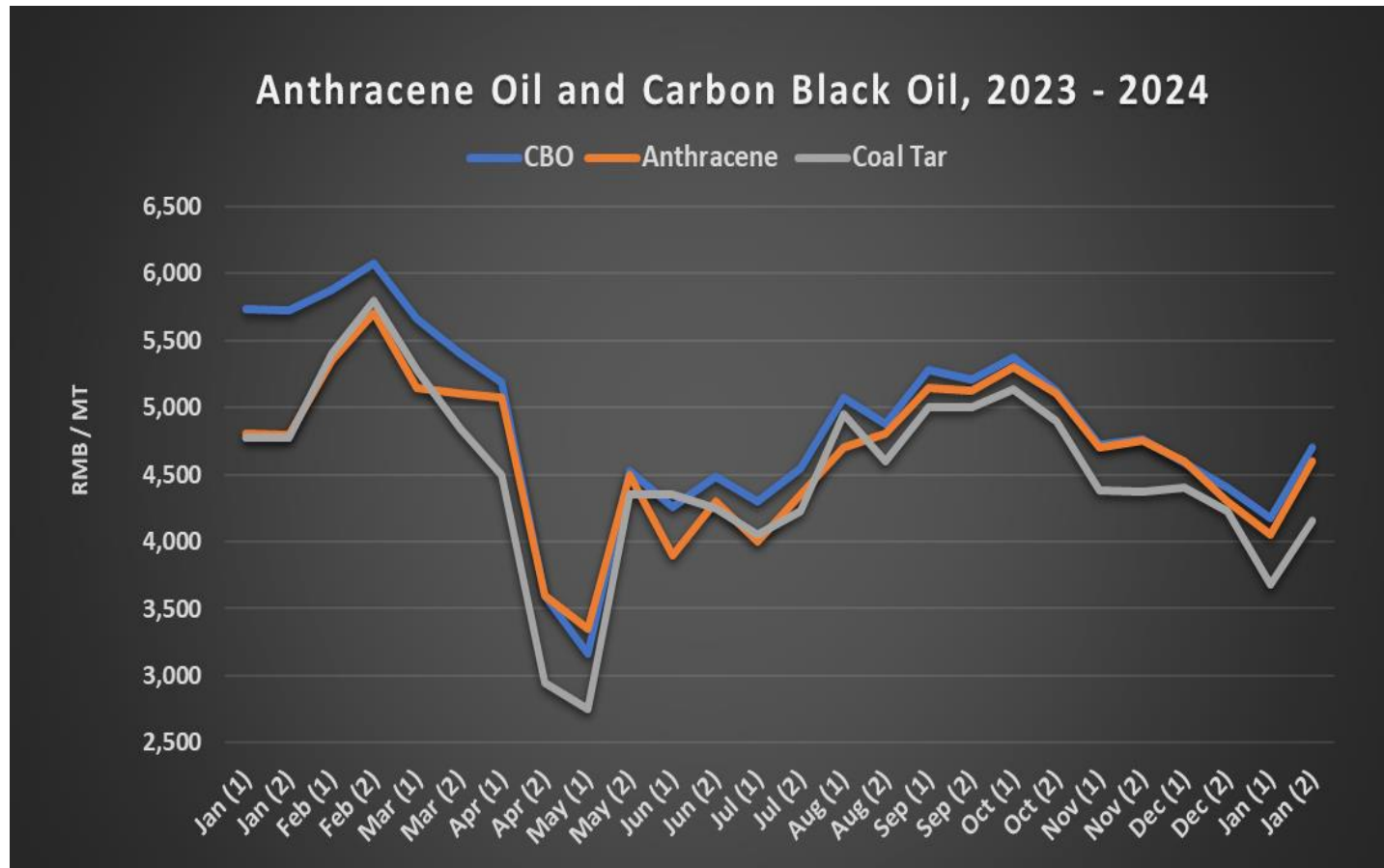
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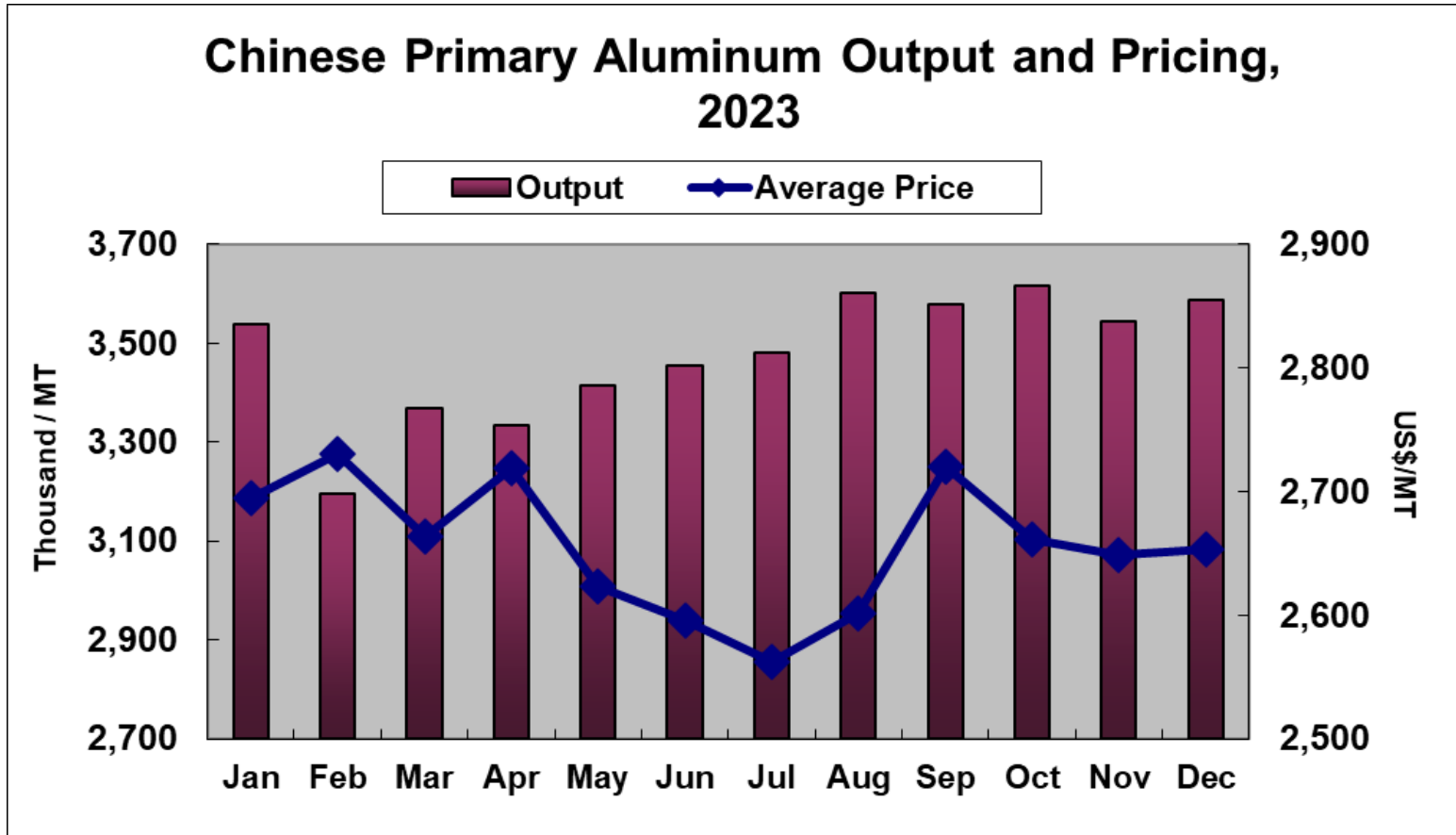
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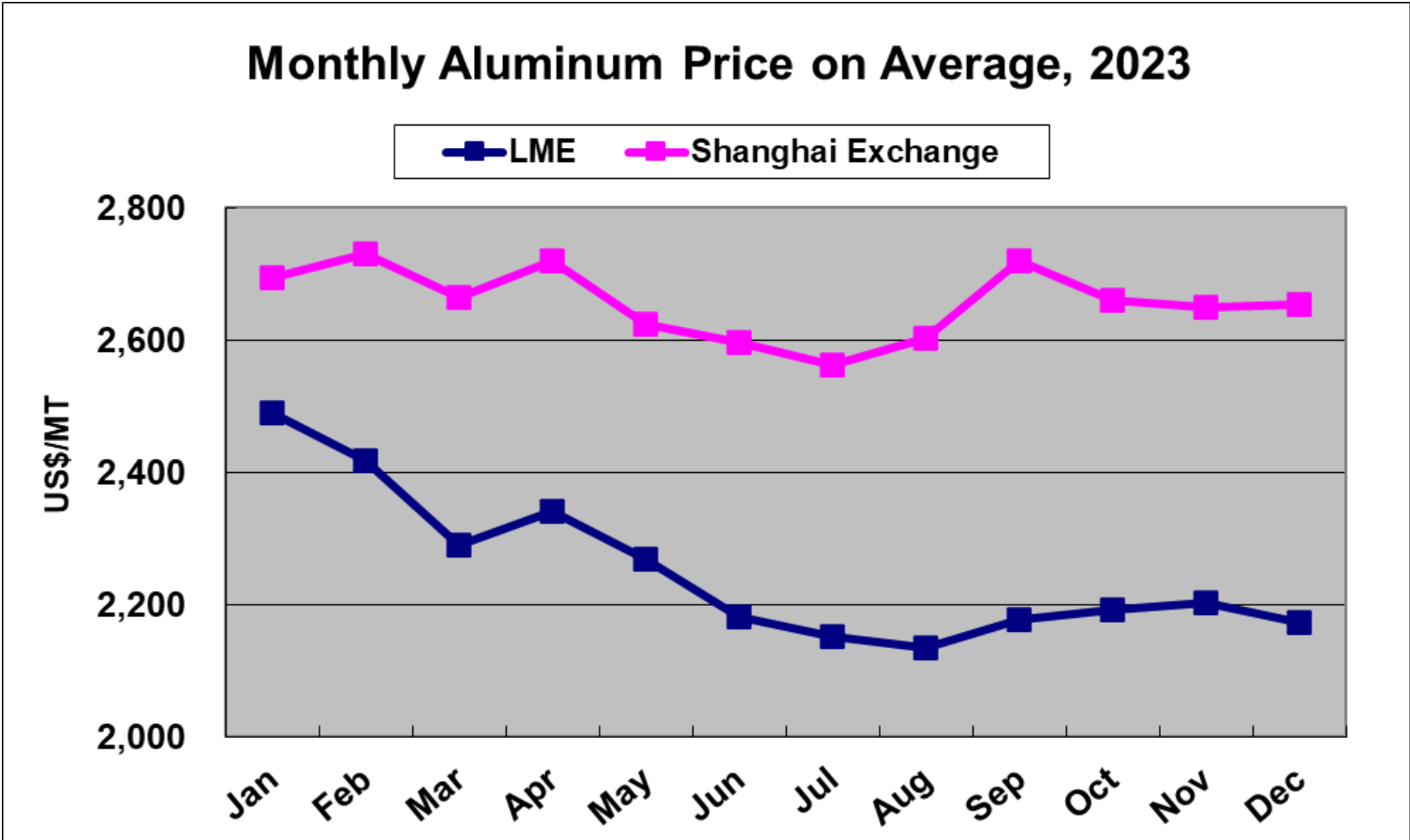


Chinese Primary Aluminum Output and Prices, 2023

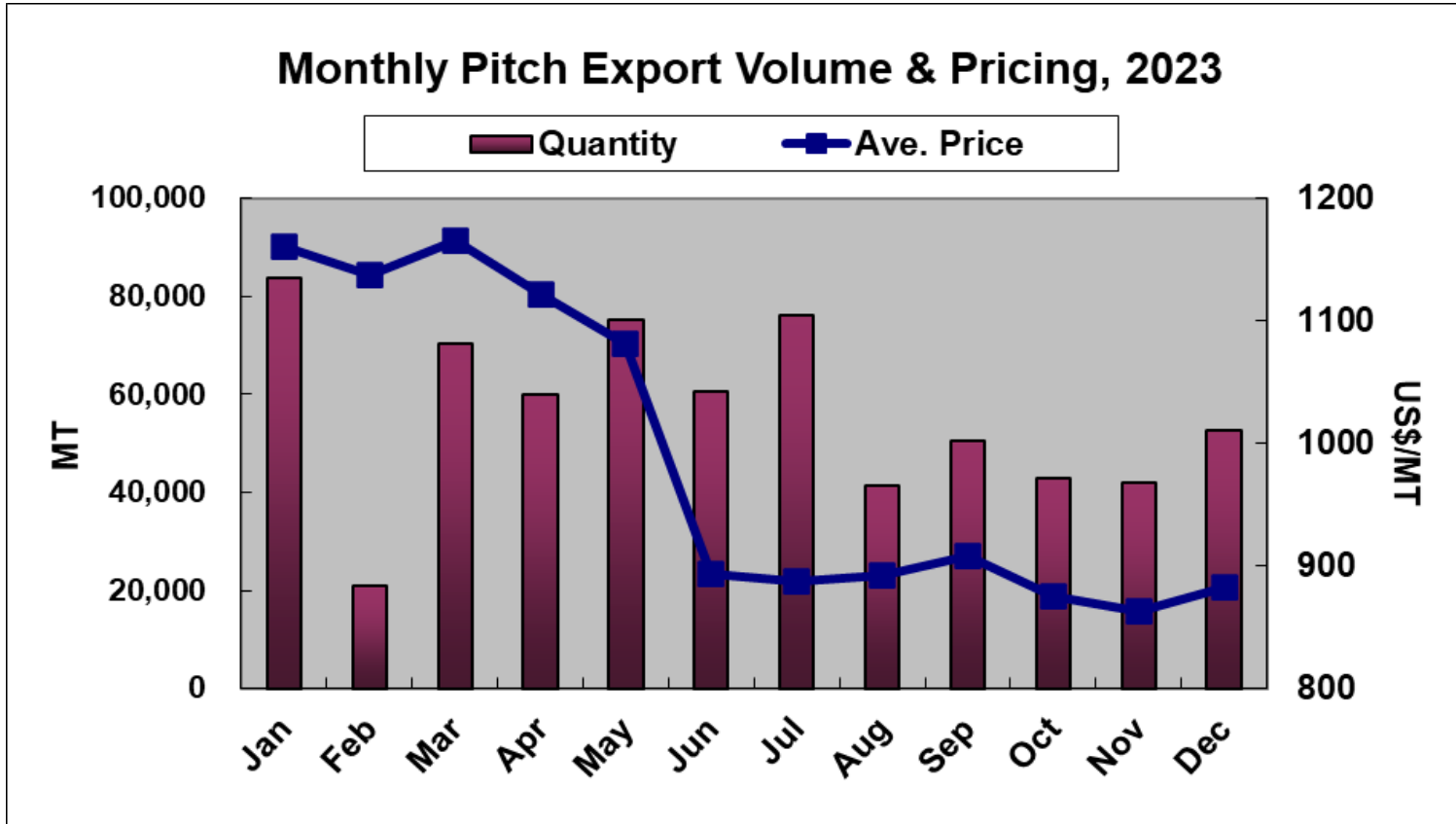


- China produced 41.59 million tons of primary aluminum in 2023, up 3.7%

Primary Aluminum Price Comparison LME VS Shanghai Exchange

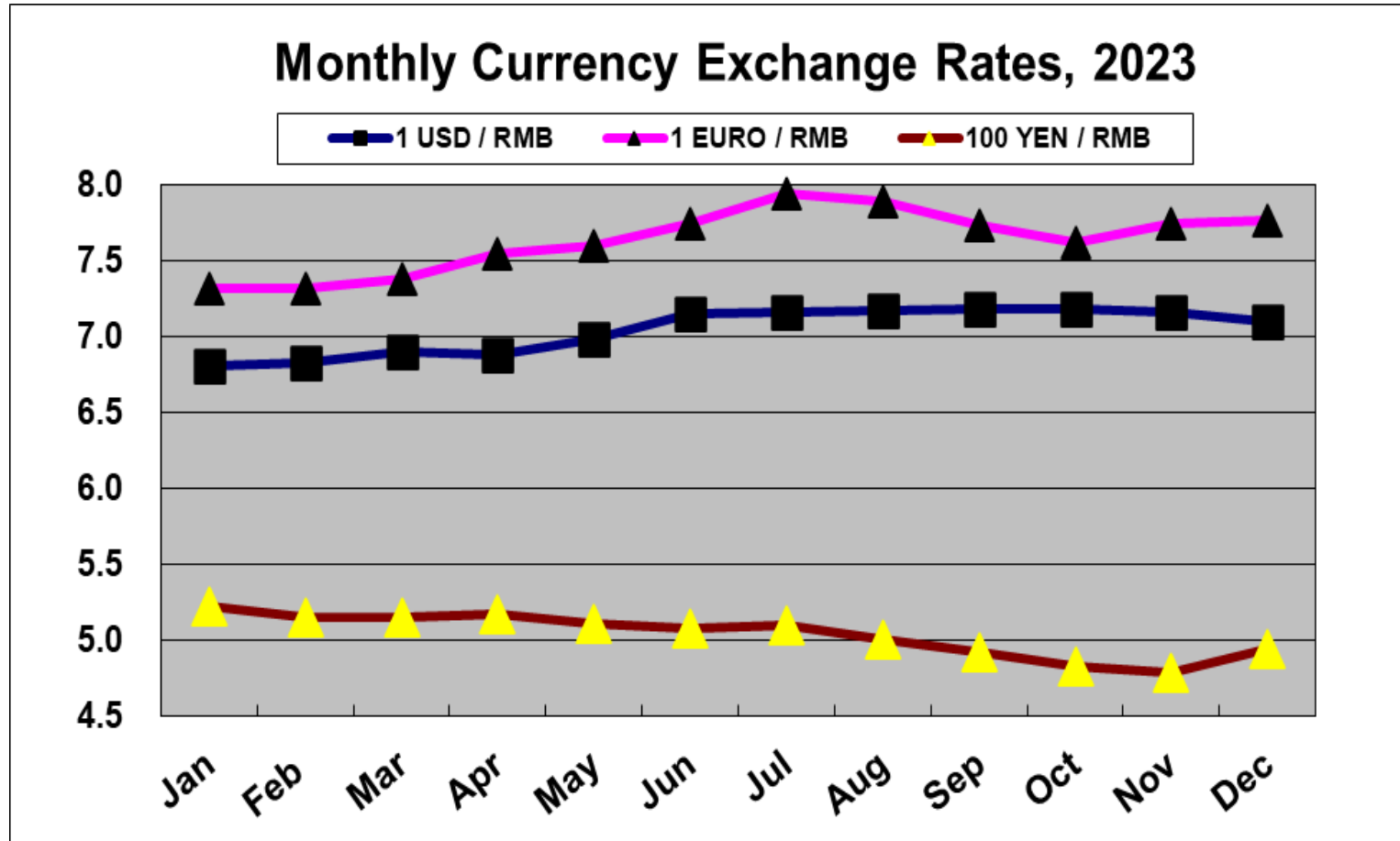


Pitch Export from China, 2023



- China exported 676,600 tons of pitch in 2023, down 9.2%
- China imported 9,800 tons of pitch in 2023, down 3.8%

Exchange rate, 2023



Summary and Conclusion

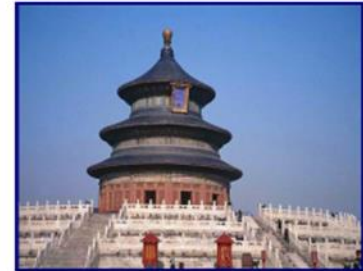
- *Crude steel production volume same level and coke increase in 2023*
- *Coal tar price decline and relatively stable in most of time of 2023*
- *Coal Tar import remain strong in 2023*
- *Price gap between coal tar and pitch narrowed, difficult to get big margin from pitch sales*
- *Pitch export volumes decrease a little bit*
- *Primary aluminum output increase in 2023, continue to support modified pitch sales*

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Editor's Message

China's Auto Sector Maintains Sound Momentum

China's auto market sustained sound growth last year in spite of unfavorable conditions such as COVID-19 resurgences, chip shortages and rising costs of raw materials for power batteries, with sales of new energy vehicles (NEVs) nearly doubling. Auto sales rose 2.1 percent year-on-year to 26.9 million units in the world's largest automobile market.

The NEV market posted another stellar performance last year, driven by rising market demand and a sound policy environment. China sold 6.9 million NEVs in 2022, skyrocketing 93 percent year-on-year. NEV production soared 97 percent from a year earlier to about 7.1 million units. NEV market share of China's auto market reached about 26 percent, up 12 percentage points from 2021. China reduced the sales tax by 50 percent for eligible passenger vehicles last year, as one of many supportive measures to spur NEV auto sales.

Exports also made a positive contribution to the growth of the auto market. China exported 3.1 million cars, up 54% from 2021. The 2022 volume extended China's auto exports boom from 2021 when auto exports reached 2 million units for the first time.

Looking forward, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers has expressed confidence in the prospects of China's auto market in 2023, given the recovery of the overall macro economy and relative policies to boost consumption and the vitality of market entities. It is estimated that China's auto market will maintain its stable growth momentum with a forecast for 3 percent growth.

**All the best,
Deng Xiaoxing and Zhou Baogang
Editors**

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