

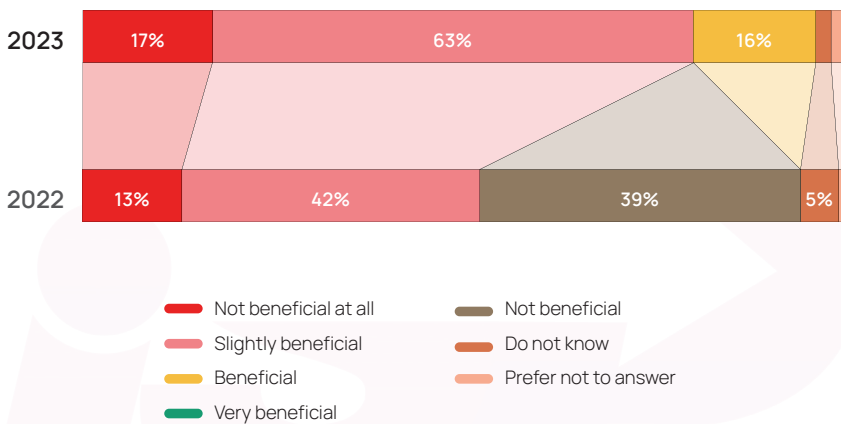
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Perceptions of China's Soft Power

Question-91

How beneficial is China's development aid?

For survey question No. 91, respondents were asked about their opinion on how beneficial is China's development aid, with answers ranging from 1. Not beneficial at all to 4. Very beneficial.



With regard to China's development aid to Myanmar, **63 percent** of respondents viewed China's development aid as "slightly beneficial." Respondents who viewed the development aid as "not beneficial at all" made up **17 percent** while **16 percent** indicated that it was "beneficial."

Certain changes were measured compared with 2022's survey, such as a **21 percent** increase in respondents answering "slightly beneficial" and a **four percent** increase in respondents responding "not beneficial at all."

Analysis of the Survey Results

The survey indicates that **82 percent** of respondents from PDFs/LDFs perceived that China's development aid is "slightly beneficial." **Sixty-seven percent** of both EAOs and prominent individuals also viewed it as slightly beneficial. Meanwhile, civil society organization respondents (**25 percent**) answered "not beneficial at all" and business community respondents (**44 percent**) responded "beneficial." Significantly, no respondents selected "very beneficial."

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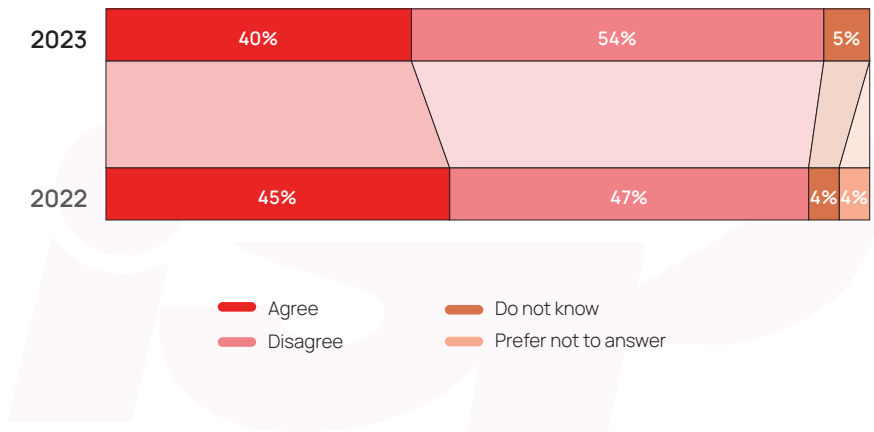
How beneficial is China's development aid?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Not beneficial at all	17%	25%	5%	5%	20%	13%	0%
Slightly beneficial	63%	65%	67%	49%	64%	67%	82%
Beneficial	16%	6%	18%	44%	15%	20%	9%
Very beneficial	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Do not know	2%	2%	5%	2%	1%	0%	9%
Prefer not to answer	2%	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Question-92

Is China's economic development an ideal model for Myanmar to emulate?

For survey question No. 92, respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the statement that China's economic development is an ideal model for Myanmar.



When asked whether China's development model is an ideal economic model for Myanmar, **54 percent** of the respondents answered "disagree," while **40 percent** answered "agree."

Comparison with the previous survey in 2022 indicates a **seven percent** increase in disagreement and a **five percent** decrease in agreement.

Analysis of the Survey Results

Civil society organization respondents and prominent figures, **64 percent** of each, disagreed that China's economic development model is an ideal model for Myanmar. Among those in agreement, the business community respondents were predominant, at **76 percent**. While **60 percent** of EAOs responded with answers "disagree" on this matter, interestingly, **45 percent** of PDFs/LDFs respondents agreed that China's economic development model is ideal. Similarly, **48 percent** of political society members agreed with this statement, while another **48 percent** remarkably disagreed.

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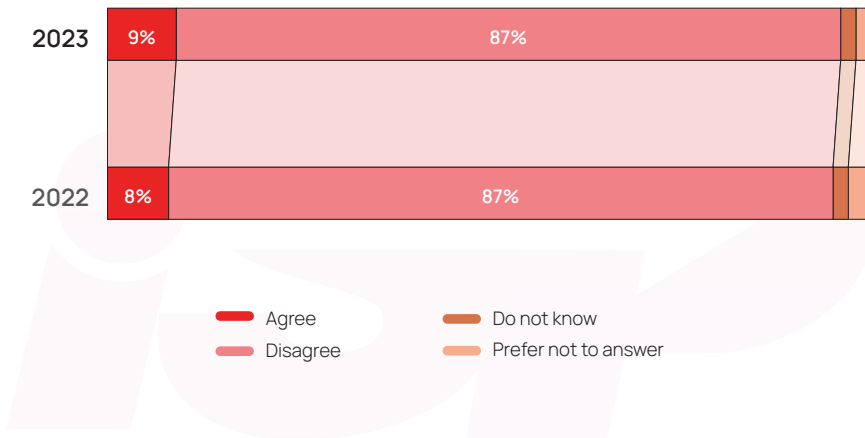
Is China's economic development an ideal model for Myanmar to emulate?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Agree	40%	30%	48%	76%	31%	40%	45%
Disagree	54%	64%	48%	22%	64%	60%	36%
Do not know	6%	6%	4%	2%	5%	0%	19%
Prefer not to answer	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Question-93

Is democracy with Chinese characteristics a model Myanmar should emulate?

For survey question No. 93, respondents were asked whether or not democracy with Chinese characteristics was appropriate and should be practiced in Myanmar.



The survey revealed that **87 percent** of respondents disagreed with the idea that democracy with Chinese characteristics is suitable and should be adopted in Myanmar. By contrast, **nine percent** of respondents agreed with this idea.

No significant changes compared with the previous survey were measured, as there was a merely **one percent** increase in respondents who agreed.

Analysis of the Survey Results

The survey highlights a significant finding: the full cohort of EAOs and PDFs/LDFs respondents disagreed that democracy with Chinese characteristics is suitable for Myanmar. Similarly, **95 percent** of prominent individuals and **89 percent** of civil society organization respondents expressed the same perspective. However, **20 percent** of business community respondents and **19 percent** of political society respondents agreed that this form of democracy is appropriate and should be practiced.

Question-93

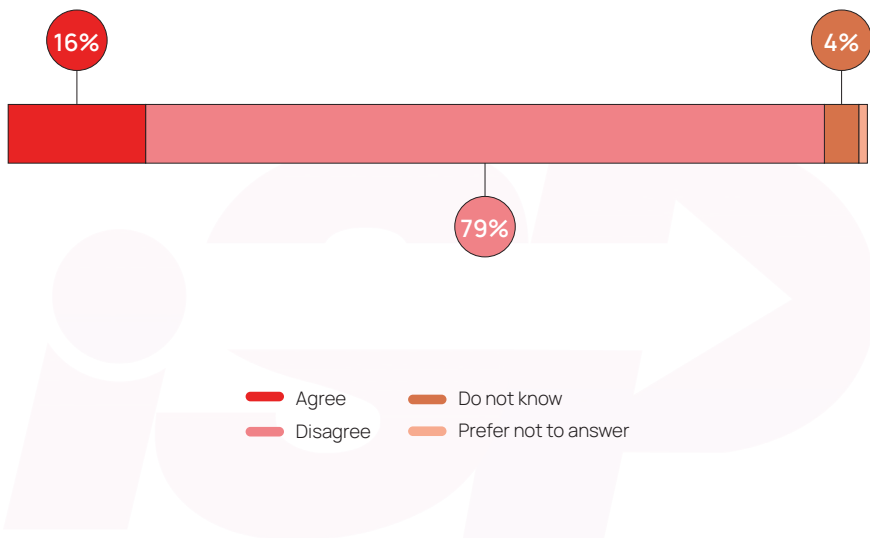
Is democracy with Chinese characteristics a model Myanmar should emulate?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Agree	9%	7%	19%	20%	5%	0%	0%
Disagree	87%	89%	76%	68%	95%	100%	100%
Do not know	2%	2%	5%	5%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	2%	2%	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%

Question-94

Should Myanmar emulate the Chinese governance model?

For survey question No. 94, respondents were asked whether or not the Chinese governance model is appropriate and should be practiced in Myanmar.



Most of Myanmar's key stakeholders disagreed that the Chinese governance model is ideal. The survey revealed that **79 percent** of respondents disagreed with this idea, while **16 percent** agreed. This question was a new addition to the survey this year.

Analysis of the Survey Results

The survey indicates that all EAOs respondents disagreed that the Chinese governance model is ideal. Civil society organization respondents (**85 percent**) and PDFs/LDFs respondents (**82 percent**) also disagreed. Meanwhile, **29 percent** of the business community respondents agreed with the idea.

Question-94

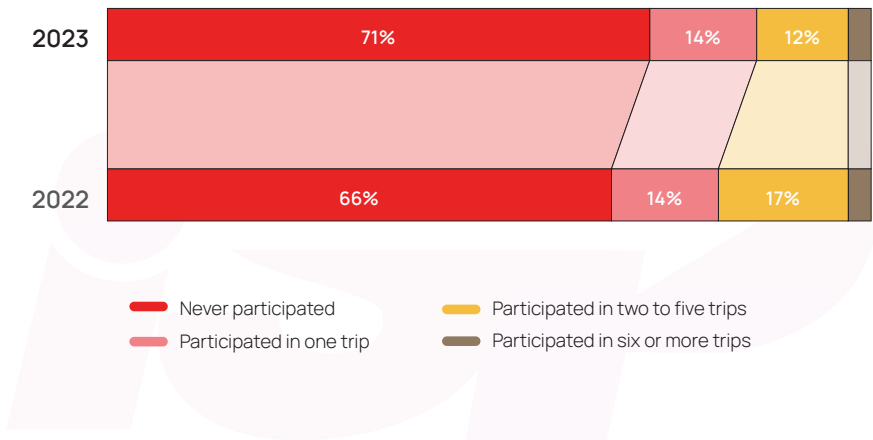
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Agree	16%	11%	19%	29%	16%	0%	18%
Disagree	79%	85%	71%	56%	80%	100%	82%
Do not know	4%	3%	5%	7%	4%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	1%	1%	5%	8%	0%	0%	0%

Question-95

Have you ever participated in trips or training programs organized by China?

For question No. 95, respondents were asked how many trips or training programs organized by Chinese institutions they had participated in.



When asked whether they had participated in study tours or training programs organized by the Chinese government, businesses, or universities and other institutions, **71 percent** of respondents answered that they had not. Meanwhile, **14 percent** answered they had “participated in one trip,” while **12 percent** answered that they had “participated in two to five trips.” Only **three percent** had participated in six or more trips. Compared with the 2022’s survey result, this year indicates a **five percent** increase in respondents who have never participated.

Analysis of the Survey Results

Ninety-two percent of civil society organization respondents had not participated in study tours or training programs organized by the Chinese government, businesses, or universities and other institutions. Respondents from PDFs/LDFs (**82 percent**) and EAOs (**80 percent**) confirmed that they have not participated in any of these activities either. **Sixty-one percent** of business community respondents have engaged in these tours at least once, making them the group with the highest numbers of trips. Among them, **32 percent** have attended two to five times. Following the business community, prominent individuals ranked second among the groups, with **42 percent** having participated in these trips at least once.

Question-95

Have you ever participated in trips or training programs organized by China?

	Overall	Civil Society Organizations	Political Society	Business Community	Prominent Individuals	EAOs	PDFs/LDFs
Never participated	71%	92%	62%	39%	56%	79%	82%
Participated in one trip	14%	4%	28%	20%	23%	7%	9%
Participated in two to five trips	12%	3%	5%	32%	16%	7%	9%
Participated in six or more trips	3%	0%	5%	9%	3%	7%	0%
Do not know	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to answer	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%