

Focus on China's Paper Industry

2017 was a year of rejoicing for the China's paper industry! During the year, most paper companies in China sang all the way, and whose profits boosted by the sharp rise in paper prices. According to the statistics released by the National Bureau of Statistics, in 2017, there were 2,754 paper and board producers whose scales were above the statistical threshold, the total pre-tax profits of which was RMB 66.6 billion, increased by 55.63% compared with 2016.

However, the paper industry influenced by many unfavorable factors such as the environmental storm, the promulgation of the ban on waste paper import, the drastically fluctuation of market prices of market pulp and waste paper, the steady rising of transportation costs and labor costs throughout 2017. All of those will bring many uncertainties to the paper production and market supply in the future.

In order to help international paper colleagues to clarify the latest development of the current China's paper industry, *China Paper Newsletters* sets up the English section in this issue. In this section, *China Paper Newsletters* publishes *2017 Annual Report of China's Paper Industry* promulgated by China Paper Association, some main policies issued by China's central ministries & agencies, especially on waste paper import, and news of major projects (2017.3—2018.3), as well as 2017 top ten news of China's paper industry published by *China Paper Newsletters*.