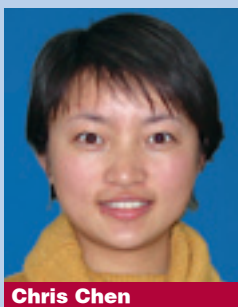


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## Voith Paper Fabrics Customer symposium in China – On-the-spot reliability, knowledge and trust



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**In March this year Voith Paper Fabrics invited leading papermakers in China and the Far East to an Asian customer symposium entitled “Voith Paper Fabrics Kunshan – bringing reliability, knowledge and trust closer to you”.**

Linked with the inauguration of the Kunshan plant extension, this event took place from March 16 to 18, 2005 in Kunshan, China.

Kunshan is about one hour to the west of Shanghai in Jiangsu province, at the heart of a rapidly growing papermaking

region. The Kunshan plant, where former wires and press felts are made, has been supplying Asian paper mills for more than seven years with high quality products.

Almost 150 customers from more than sixty paper mills met in Kunshan to hear



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**Fig. 1:** Bob Burke opening the inauguration ceremony.

**Fig. 2:** The attentive audience at the customer symposium.

**Fig. 3:** Simultaneous translation services were in great demand.

**Fig. 4:** Dr Hermut Kormann greeting the guests.

**Fig. 5:** The Voith management delegation on its way to the new production facility.



about Voith's latest innovations in paper-making technology. Voith has always attached great importance to dependable partnership with Asian customers. This was emphasized once again by the presence of a high-level Voith management delegation including Dr Hermut Kormann, President and CEO Corporate Board of Management of Voith AG, Hans Müller, formerly President and CEO Voith Paper, and Bertram Staudenmaier, new member of the Voith Paper Executive Board with responsibility for the Fabrics and Rolls divisions.

The symposium was officially opened on Wednesday March 16 in the evening by Bob Burke, Senior Vice President of Voith Paper Fabrics Asia/Pacific division. He cordially welcomed the participants to Kunshan and thanked them for attending. During the ensuing banquet they were entertained with jazz and a magician in a light-hearted atmosphere ideal for making new contacts and meeting old friends.

On Thursday the first day of the seminar started with a welcome address by Hans Müller, who outlined the Voith organisation in Asia and gave an interesting overview of Voith's development in

China. Afterwards the various Voith Paper technologies and their application possibilities were explained by specialists and illustrated by references. This was followed by a panel discussion, and it became quite clear that innovative high-end technology is rapidly gaining ground in the Asian papermaking industries, whose further expansion still depends on an ongoing partnership with Voith. This partnership is solidly based on reliability, knowledge and trust, and is being steadily consolidated by on-the-spot customer contact.

On Friday March 18, guests and participants attended the official inauguration of the new Kunshan plant extension. Voith is now in the position to manufacture locally the entire range of dependable press felting from the Voith Paper Fabrics portfolio, thanks not least to a new production shop with high-tech facilities.

Before attending the inauguration ceremony at this new Voith Paper Fabrics plant, the guests of honour visited the neighbouring Voith Paper Rolls plant opened in summer 2003.

Bob Burke greeted the guests at the inauguration before their tour of the new VP

Fabrics plant. The official opening ceremony started at 9:58, a lucky number in China.

After the official opening, the ceremony continued in traditional Chinese style with a lion dance as good omen or "feng shui". When the red ribbon had been ceremoniously cut, welcoming addresses were held by Dr Hermut Kormann, Bob Burke and official representatives of the Chinese government.

Dr Hermut Kormann got to the point in his speech: *"This Kunshan plant is our new baby, whom we welcome with parental pride into the Voith family. In such a big strong family, the new member stands excellent chances of a long, prosperous and happy life!"*

This successful two-day symposium will certainly improve relations between Asian papermakers and Voith Paper even further. Kunshan is the first Voith Group location where former wires and press felts are produced under the same roof as roll sleeves, not to mention the roll servicing also offered here. This outstandingly successful teamwork continues to set an example worldwide for the synergies between Voith Paper divisions.