

Nine Dragons Group founder receives BIR Papyrus Award

BIR awarded its annual Papyrus Award to Cheung Yan, chairwoman and founder of the world's largest recovered paper-based paper manufacturer, the Nine Dragons Group. Cheung Yan was presented with this special award at the keynote session during BIR's convention on May 28.

The BIR Papyrus Award is in recognition of Yan's service to the industry, her achievement of substantial growth in recovered fibre consumption and for her leadership in social, quality and environmental management.

The BIR noted that Yan is one of the most influential businesspeople in China and was named "Entrepreneur of the Year in China" by Ernst & Young and received the "China Chamber of Commerce Contribution Award" and the "China Charity Award" by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of PRC. She is also the founder of America Chung Nam Inc., headquartered in Los Angeles. The Nine Dragons Group is a dedicated advocate of



L-R: BIR President Björn Grufman; Cheung Yan, Chairwoman & Founder, Nine Dragons Group; Ranjit Baxi, of UK-based J&H Sales Int'l and President of BIR Paper Division

environmentally friendly manufacturing. Its extensive use of recovered paper as raw material has promoted the collection and recycling of domestic waste paper in China, thus facilitating sustainability for Chinese economic development. With its key environmental indices outperforming government requirements, the Group has won government recognition and

numerous awards in environmental management.

In bestowing this honour, Ranjit Baxi of UK-based J&H Sales International and President of BIR Paper Division described Cheung as a 'champion' of the recycling industry and a 'global green ambassador'. "It is a great honor for BIR that Ms. Yan has accepted our invitation. Her leading role in the recognition of our sector's massive environmental and social contribution, not least in terms of conserving resources and creating jobs, cannot be stressed enough."

Yan said she was honoured to receive the 'coveted' Papyrus award, hailing paper recycling as a 'very meaningful' and 'sustainable' industry. She said, "We are the protectors of the environment - not trouble-makers for the environment". She went on to confirm that Nine Dragons' annual production capacity would grow from 13.5m tons in 2013 to 15m tons in 2015.

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