- 1) Growth and achievement of the Chinese cement industry being recognized by State leaders In February 2009, Chinese President Hu Jintao, during his visit to Saudi Arabia, encouraged Chinese companies to continue with their "going out" strategy, by exploring the international market with their advanced technology and management,
- 2) New policy is curbing cement overcapacity and eliminating obsolete plants
  On 26 September 2009, the State Council issued the No. 38 (2009) policy which sets out to curb cement overcapacity and close down obsolete facilities, and which will direct the Chinese cement industry towards healthy development.
- 3) China Cement Association playing an active role in policy making
  A working group organised by the National Development and Reform Commission and led by Mr.
  Lei Qianye, Chairman of China Cement Association, advised the government on policy and suggested the curbing of cement overcapacity during the drafting of the No. 38 (2009) document.
- 4) Investment driven cement demand is beating market expectation
  With the government's RMB 4 trillion investment on infrastructure, many key construction
  projects have commenced, which has led to increasing demand for cement. It is estimated that the
  total production capacity could reach 1.65 billion tones in 2009, a year-on-year growth of 18%.
- 5) Large cement enterprises playing a bigger role in international exchanges
  China Cement Association and Lafarge Group organized the first ever "The leaders of large
  Chinese cement enterprises round table meeting" (also known as C12+3 Summit). Topics centered
  around the internationalization of Chinese cement enterprises.. Management and representatives of
  15 companies signed the "Declaration of large-scale cement enterprises on sustainable
  development"
- 6) Restructuring and consolidation of cement industry speeding up
- 7) Cement companies extending their industrial chain to enhance competitiveness
- 8) Cement companies further scaling up production lines to new levels.
- 9) Cement kilns to dispose waste and bringing in a new environmental era Mr. Zhang Renwei and Mr, Lei Qianye, Chairmen of China Cement Association, submitted a proposal to the National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Environment Protection, and Ministry of Finance, to utilize cement kilns for industrial waste and municipal refuse disposal. The ministries replied with a positive response.
- 10) China commanding the ability to construct the main production line machinery. In 2009, both Hefei Cement Research and Design Institute and Tianjin Cement Industrial Design Institute successfully developed a vertical mill for a 5000 t/d cement production line. The mill specifications have reached international standards.