

## ☐☐☐ In And Around Shanghai

If you have just had a grand opening ceremony, special company event or some interesting news, we would like to hear about it. We want to get people talking and improve the communication and sharing of information between our readers.

### 200 Years of C. Melchers GmbH & Co



The management of C. Melchers GmbH & Co (from left): Matthias Claussen, Peter Kuhlmann-Lehmkuhle and Nicolas C.S. Helms

The Bremen-based trading company C. Melchers GmbH & Co. is celebrating its 200-year anniversary this year. Today the group has, besides the C. Melchers GmbH & Co. KG, branches in China, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines, 22 operational subsidiaries in Germany and a further 22 subsidiaries in Asia and Europe.

Altogether the group has 1,200 staff members worldwide, 900 of which are based in offices in Asia, the USA and South Africa. The company's core business activity is trade, marketing and distribution of raw materials, consumer goods and technical products in Asia and Europe with an annual group turnover of approximately EURO 330 million.

C. Melchers GmbH & Co. has taken the anniversary year to generously support the extensive restoration of the ancient Melchers-Bridge in the Bürgerpark of Bremen. It is said to be one of the 10 most beautiful bridges in the whole of Germany.

On 18 February 2006, the Bremen Überseemuseum will open its new and permanent Asia-Exhibition entitled "Asia - Continent of Contrasts", which receives support from a number of sponsors including C. Melchers. With more than 1,900m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space, it is one of the largest projects of its kind in Germany in 2006.