

Since its founding in 1873, the Oji Group has been growing through the expansion of business fields. While keeping abreast of the trends of the times, we have tackled changing social needs and evolved our business structure. In recent years, aiming for contribution to a sustainable society, we have been actively rolling out the technologies cultivated in our domestic business to the global market.

1873 Birth of the Modern Paper Manufacturing Industry



From Shibusawa Memorial Museum Collection
Shibusawa advocated that "paper and printing businesses are the source of civilization." He held on to his great ambition to supply domestic paper.

1910 Establishment of Domestic Supply Structure



We established the Tomakomai Mill in a fishing village in Hokkaido, which had abundant resources such as forests and water as well as vast and flat land, which are required for paper manufacturing, and started producing newsprint.

1950s Efforts toward New Technologies



Tomakomai Mill for newsprint and Kasugai Mill for woodfree paper contributed to our growth. Kasugai Mill even became a pioneer of urban factories.

1970s Changing Lifestyles and Diversification of Paper



Demand for paper was only growing, and people started to have high expectations for the material, which found its way into products other than newsprint and printing paper.

1990s Response to Environmental Issues



Attention was drawn to issues that are directly related to people's lives, such as resource saving, energy saving, and urban waste treatment.

2000s Shift in the Business Structure



Paper production volume has been declining since 2008. This unprecedented crisis created an opportunity for shifts in the business structure.

2010s Further Global Deployment



We actively developed the overseas business with a focus on Southeast Asia. The overseas sales ratio reached approximately 30%.

