

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP LTD  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October 2009

Commission File Number: 001-14550

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

2550 Hongqiao Road  
Hongqiao Airport  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited  
(Registrant)

Date October 27, 2009

By: /s/ Luo Zhuping  
Name: Luo Zhuping  
Title: Company Secretary

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(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
(Stock code: 00670)

### THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT 2009

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to the disclosure requirement under Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The financial statements of the Company for the third quarter of 2009 were not audited, and were prepared in accordance with the PRC Accounting Regulations.

#### 1 IMPORTANT NOTICE

This announcement is made by China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the "Company") pursuant to the disclosure requirement under Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (which requires any issuer listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") whose securities are also listed on other stock exchange(s) to simultaneously inform the Stock Exchange of any information released to any of such other exchange(s) and to ensure that such information is released to the market in Hong Kong at the same time as it is released to the other market(s)). At the request of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, a similar announcement of the even date is being made by the Company in Shanghai pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Shanghai listing rules and regulations.

This quarterly report was prepared in accordance with the regulations as prescribed by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (the "CSRC") in relation to disclosure of information in quarterly reports for listed companies, and is published simultaneously in Shanghai and Hong Kong. The financial statements of the Company for the third quarter of 2009 were not audited, and were prepared in accordance with the PRC Accounting Regulations.

The board of directors (the "Board") and the supervisory committee of the Company, and its directors, supervisors and senior management hereby confirm that the information set out in this report does not contain any false information,

misleading statement or material omission, and accept joint and several responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the contents of this report.

Wu Baiwang, an independent non-executive director of the Company, authorized Xie Rong, an independent non-executive director of the Company, to cast a favorable vote on his behalf.

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Mr. Liu Shaoyong, the Chairman and the person-in-charge of the Company, Mr. Ma Xulun, the President and the officer-in-charge of accounting of the Company, and Mr. Wu Yongliang, the chief financial officer and the officer-in-charge of the accounting department (accounting officer) of the Company, hereby declare that the financial statements forming part of this quarterly report is true and complete.

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## BASIC PARTICULARS OF THE COMPANY

## 2.1 Main accounting data and financial indicators

Currency: RMB

	As at the end of the reporting period	As at the end of last year	Increase/decrease as at the end of the reporting period compared with the end of last year (%)
Total assets (RMB'000)	71,188,173.00	73,184,006.00	-2.73
Owners' equity (or shareholders' equity) (RMB'000)	-3,376,085.00	-11,599,346.00	70.89
Net assets per share attributable to the shareholders of listed company (RMB)	-0.44	-2.38	81.51
		From the beginning of the year to the end of the reporting period (January–September)	Increase/ decrease compared with the same period last year (%)
Net cash flow generated from operating activities (RMB'000)		5,097,005.00	207.43
Net cash flow generated from operating activities per share (RMB)		0.8648	153.83

	Reporting period (July to September)	From the beginning of the year to the end of the reporting period (January to September)	Increase/ decrease for the reporting period compared with the same period last year (%)
Net profit attributable to shareholders of listed company (RMB'000)	23,156.00	1,196,663.00	100.99
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	0.0030	0.2030	100.63
Basic earnings per share after non- recurring gains and losses (RMB)	—	−0.5035	—
Diluted earnings per share (RMB)	0.0030	0.2030	100.63

Explanation on the calculation of the earnings per share / cash flow generated from operating activities per share is as follows: the earnings per share, the earnings per share after non- recurring gains and losses and cash flow generated from operating activities per share of the Company from January to September 2009 were calculated based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares issued and outstanding of the parent company during the period from January to September, namely 5,893,646,000 shares, and the earnings per share from July to September 2009 were calculated based on the number of shares of the parent company issued and outstanding during the same period, namely 7,741,700,000, and the per-share financial data for the same period last year was calculated based on the then existing 4,866,950,000 shares.

Explanation on the calculation of the net assets per share is as follows: the net assets per share of the Company as at 30 September 2009 was calculated based on the number of ordinary shares of the parent company issued and outstanding, namely 7,741,700,000 shares, and the per-share financial data during the same period last year was calculated based on the then existing 4,866,950,000 shares.

After deducting non-recurring gains and losses and relevant amounts:

Non-recurring gains and losses items	From the beginning of the year to the end of the reporting period (January to September) (RMB'000)	Explanation
Gains or losses arising from the change in fair value of holding of financial derivative assets and financial derivative liabilities and investment gain on the disposal of financial derivative assets, financial derivative liabilities and available-for-sale financial assets, other than the valid hedging business relating to the normal business operations of the Company	2,883,567	
		Other than bill settlement amount outside of the settlement period
Non-operating incomes and expenses other than the above	1,313,873	
Effect on minority interests	-31,802	
Effect on income tax	-1,476	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,164,062</b>	

2.2 The total number of the Company's shareholders and the shareholdings of the 10 largest holders of circulating shares not subject to selling moratorium as at the end of the reporting period

		Unit: shares
Total number of shareholders as at the end of the reporting period		146,437
Shareholding of the 10 largest holders of circulating shares not subject to selling moratorium		
Name of shareholders (in full)		Number of circulating shares not subject to selling moratorium held at the end of the period
HKSCC NOMINEES LIMITED		2,979,164,139
		Oversea listed

		9,199,860	foreign share
			RMB
			ordinary share
—	&#21218;		RMB
&#32929;&#31080;		4,999,930	ordinary share
			RMB
&#36786;&#26989;	— &#21205;&#21147;&#22686;		ordinary share
(LOF)		4,956,482	share
			RMB
ZHONG Yuan		3,999,978	ordinary share
			RMB
&#27993;&#27743;	&#23526;&#26989;&#30332;&#23637;&#26377;&#38480;&#20844;&#21496;	2,550,055	ordinary share
			RMB
&#24037;&#21830;	&#32929;&#20221;&#26377;&#38480;&#20844;&#21496;		ordinary share
— &#21295;&#28155;&#23500;&#19978;	&#32156; &#25351;&#25976;	2,394,520	share
			RMB
&#23527;&#27874;&#20977;	&#31649;&#29702;&#26377;&#38480;&#20844;&#21496;	2,178,315	ordinary share
			RMB
DAI Yunxia		2,000,000	Overseas listed foreign share
			RMB
PEY LIM CHENG		2,000,000	Overseas listed foreign share
			RMB
WU SHUK LING OLIVIA		2,000,000	Overseas listed foreign share



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IMPORTANT MATTERS

3.1 The details of and reasons for the substantial changes in main items of financial statements and financial indicators of the Company

P Applicable &#9633; Not applicable

1. The Company recorded an increase in its total profit for the period from July to September 2009 by approximately RMB2.425 billion from the same period last year, an increase of profit of 103%. Operating income increased by approximately RMB596 million compared to the same period last year. Operating cost decreased by approximately RMB1.081 billion. Finance costs decreased by approximately RMB183 million compared to the same period last year. Non-operating incomes increased as a result of subsidy on certain routes. General and administrative expense decreased as efforts were taken to strengthen control over costs. In addition, for the reporting period, the net gain on change of fair value in respect of fuel hedging increased by approximately RMB154 million, and the cash outflow in respect of actual settlement was approximately RMB231 million.
2. As at 30 September 2009, the short-term borrowings of the Company decreased by approximately RMB6.922 billion, and long-term borrowings increased by approximately RMB4.397 billion. It was primarily attributable to the adjustment of the structure of the long-term and short-term liabilities of the Company. Amount received in advance increased by approximately RMB404 million compared to the beginning of the year, which was due to the increase in sale in advance of carriage as more people travelled by air under the economic stimulus policy.

3.2 Analysis of the progress of other significant events and their effects and proposed solutions

P Applicable &#9633; Not applicable

- I. The Company proposed to issue on a non-public basis not more than 1,350,000,000 A shares of the Company to specific investors at an issue price of not less than RMB4.75 per share (among which China Eastern Air Holding Company (“CEA Holding”), the controlling shareholder of the Company, intended to subscribe for not more than 490,000,000 A shares in cash). The Company also proposed to issue on a non-public basis not more than 490,000,000 H shares to CES Global Holding (Hong Kong) Limited (“CES Global”), a wholly owned subsidiary of CEA Holding, at an issue price of not less than HK\$1.4 per share for cash. The resolutions in relation to the aforesaid were approved at the shareholders’ meeting and the class meetings of the Company on 7 September 2009. During the reporting period, the Company has submitted to the CSRC the application materials in connection with the issue on a non-public basis of A shares and the issue of H shares and endeavors to obtain its approval as soon as possible.
  - II. The resolution in relation to the absorption by the Company of Shanghai Airlines Co., Ltd (“Shanghai Airlines”) by way of exchange of shares was approved at the shareholders’ meeting and the class meetings of the Company on 9 October 2009. During the reporting period, the Company has submitted the application materials to the CSRC and endeavors to obtain its approval as soon as possible.
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3.3 The status of implementation of the matters undertaken by the Company, shareholders and the ultimate controller

P Applicable &#9633; Not applicable

I. Undertaking in respect of share reform

1. CEA Holding will comply with all relevant laws, rules and regulations and observe its obligations under the law and its undertaking.

2. In particular, CEA Holding undertook that:

(1) the original non-circulating shares of the Company held by it shall not be listed and traded within 36 months from the day of the implementation of the share reform plan; (2) it shall bear all the expenses in relation to the share reform plan. CEA Holding represented that it shall perform the undertakings in good faith and accept relevant legal responsibilities. Unless the transferee(s) is/are willing and able to accept the responsibilities of the undertakings, CEA Holding shall not transfer any of those shares it held.

Status of implementation: faithfully implemented.

II. Pursuant to the issue on a non-public basis of 1,437,375,000 A shares to CEA Holding and the issue of 1,437,375,000 H shares to CES Global, CEA Holding undertook that:

1. Within 3 years of completion of the aforesaid non-public issue, it shall not transfer its interests in the shares of the Company obtained pursuant to such issue.

2. Due to historical problems, some of the land and property injected by CEA Holding into the Company had not yet been transferred under the name of the Company. In this regard, CEA Holding undertook that it shall, on a best-effort basis, enable the Company to obtain the relevant land use rights certificates and property ownership certificates in relation to its capital contribution to the Company, and complete relevant legal procedures in relation to the transfer of property rights; and CEA Holding shall bear all obligations in relation to the losses caused to the Company as a result of the failure of CEA Holding in completing the relevant procedures for transferring the relevant property rights in a timely manner, and shall indemnify all the losses suffered by the Company in this regard.

Status of implementation: implementation in progress.

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3.4 Warning of and reasons for any expected accumulated losses from the beginning of the year to the end of the following reporting period or substantial changes in profitability compared to the same period last year

&#9633; Applicable PNot applicable