The internet has helped shape Wuzhen in more ways than one

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The World Internet Conference has brought a significant face-lift to lives of people and businesses in Zhejiang province’s Jiaxing, where Wuzhen is located. Since it was chosen as the permanent site for hosting the WIC in 2014, over the past two years, the once small tourist town has emerged as a sparkling pearl and a new landmark in the map of China’s digital economy.

The latest technological innovations have been applied in the town, now covering an area of 110 square kilometers from the previous 67 square km, with a better ecology and more complete infrastructure, luring internet professionals from around the world.

Among the latest technologies to be adopted are the 5G cellular network and internet hospitals, greatly improving convenience for the local residents.

For example, by the end of 2017, the Internet Hospital of Wuzhen has conducted over 12,000 remote medical consultations through the internet, making it a leading medical and health platform in the nation.

China Daily looks at some of the leading technological achievements and ways that the internet has reshaped the lives of locals in Wuzhen, Tongxiang and Jiaxing.