China looks to further progress

World Internet Conference to be a launchpad for online shared future

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As the Fifth World Internet Conference kicks off, the internet industry enters “Wuzhen time” again.

An ancient town in Zhejiang province, Wuzhen has witnessed tremendous change and became the epicenter of China’s internet-driven industries and online innovation, since it made the permanent home of the World Internet Conference in 2014.

Its rapid growth in recent years also demonstrates how the benefits of development can be shared, a concept embodied by the global internet industry.

Over the past five years, the internet industry has become internationalized in a way that would have been inconceivable only a few years before.

With more than 170 countries and regions, the internet and applications have evolved to become a global business.

China’s influence of the “One Belt and One Road” Digital Economy also provides a broad market space for endorsing internet and digital sector.

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The Western Internet Conference will not only promote an exchange platform for the development of global digital economy, but also push its development into a new era.

In December 2017, the relevant departments from China, Laos, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, among others, jointly launched the Initiative for International Cooperation on the “Road and Ball Digital” Development.

In May 2018, Chinese internet enterprises had participated in the construction of information infrastructures in more than 170 countries, completed 34 cross-border land cables, and several international coastal cables in cooperation with countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Meanwhile, with their advanced digital technology and innovative business models, Chinese enterprises cooperated with many countries, such as mobile payment, smart city initiatives and e-commerce, to share achievements in digital economy, contributing its own strength to the governance of global digital economy, participating in bi-lateral and multi-lateral discussions in the organizations such as the United Nations.

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The summit also hosts discussions on how to collaborate with the internet and build a peaceful, secure, open and cooperative cyberspace.

The internet is increasingly internationalized and globalized, and the growth of social media, the internet is playing a bigger role in human interactions.

At the same time, challenges such as technological development, imperfect rules and protection issues in the field are also increasingly prominent.

The Wuzhen conference has established its internet governance, cyberspace and international cooperation reputation, and it can work together to share the global internet governance experience and cooperative sustainable and effective way.

At the past conference, the Chinese government has reached a consensus on how to collaborate with the internet and build a peaceful, secure, open and cooperative cyberspace.

China has established forums to offer a platform upon which people can solve problems and build consensus.

The demand for a stronger global internet governance has also grown in recent years, and people are willing to develop a platform for the countries to cooperate with each other.

The conference will provide a platform for the countries to cooperate with each other, and the internet industry has been welcomed to contribute its own strength to the governance of global digital economy.