More innovation efforts urged

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Think tanks should better shoulder the responsibility of the current era, to strengthen the exchange and cooperation of cyberspace civilization, and contribute to the promotion of the global internet governance system and the construction of a community with a shared future for cyberspace, said officials and experts from home and abroad on Monday.

Sheng Ronghua, vice-minister of the Cyberspace Administration of China, called for accelerated efforts to make more innovations in the digital age so as to contribute to the healthy economic growth, at the sixth World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, Zhejiang province, on Monday.

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“Think tanks in the US, China, and the rest of the world play an important role in promoting dialogue, and avoiding misunderstandings, misjudgments, and miscalculations,” he said.

During the think tank forum, many experts from home and abroad shared their thoughts.

Dieny Deyala, head of Research and Advocacy at Net In Lingue, noted that new technologies constantly emerge on the market with no matched rules. Therefore, many negotia- tions are needed.

In the development of AI, regulators should guarantee that it is human beings that are playing a role, rather than AI, to protect people’s rights, nature, emotions and spirits. In this vein, a global standard should be made, and think tanks can serve as a platform for more discussion, he said.

According to the 2018 Global Go Index, China ranks 51st in the world in terms of innovation.

Different sectors, particularly connectivity, payments and skills training.

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East China’s Zhejiang province has seen remarkable progress in its e-government and digital economy infrastruc- ture and services in recent years, according to a senior official in the provincial government.

Zhao Qiang, director of the Zhejiang Provincial Big Data Development and Application Promotion Association, said at a conference during the ongoing sixth World Internet Conference on Monday.

Zhao said the province has launched Zhejiang Big Data E-commerce Public Service Platform, which has attracted 114,000 registered users, more than 100,000 applications, and more than 1,900 apps on average, which have been transferred between different platforms, according to a senior official in the provincial government.

“The platform has 225 million registered members who can obtain most of the services simply with an ID card,” Zhao said.

The province has also been facilitated thanks to Zhejiang Digital, a national e-commerce platform co-developed by the provincial government and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.

“Through the platform, it is possible to enjoy mobile services from Alibaba, Zhejiang Digital has created an all-weather one-stop digital platform,” he said.

It has achieved coverage of over 90% of the province, with 1.25 million activated users so far, and has accepted over 700 million online orders and delivery mak- ings.

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