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China Launched Cloud Computing Services Innovation Trial Programs

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China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) issued a *Circular Concerning the Trials of Cloud Computing Services Innovation* (“**Circular**”) on October 18, 2010. The Circular listed Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hangzhou, and Wuxi as five trial cities for conducting cloud computing service trials.

The trials will focus on four main aspects: a) to promote the key domestic IT enterprises to explore various modes of cloud computing services (e.g. SaaS, PaaS and IaaS) specific to the government, enterprises of small, medium and large sizes, and individual consumer needs; b) to improve cloud computing core technologies and industrialization through the aforesaid enterprises; c) to organize a nation-wide cloud computing industry alliance; and d) to research and formulate the standards for cloud computing technology, services, and security management. The Circular urges provincial-level development and reform commission and industry and information technology administration to formulate local cloud computing service innovation and development plans in accordance with their localities' features and strengthen. It is stated that the two departments shall jointly submit these plans to MIIT and NDRC prior to November 25, 2010.

According to the statistics provided by IDC (International Data Corporation), during the period from 2009 to 2013, the cloud computing businesses are expected to generate RMB1105 billion revenue to China. As a matter of fact, under the leadership of international IT tycoons, such as IBM, Cisco, and Google, the industry chain of cloud computing has been established. Meanwhile, Beijing and Shanghai have started investment projects concerning the cloud computing. It is believed that the industry chain of cloud computing will become one of the most important investment spots in China.

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