

News Item 1:

## Participants of the Workshop T13b Continues their Exchanges

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T13b “New Internet Technology and Changes of Social Behaviors” continued their workshop meetings as the European prime mover François Launay pays a visit to Beijing from September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The workshop discussions, with a specific theme of *Privacy Protection and Regulation*, took place in the new office building of China’s Internet giant - Tencent - Sigma Plaza in the afternoon of September 27, from 13:30 to 18:00.



Mr. and Mrs. Launay, assistant to the Chinese prime mover YANG Ziyun, Internet critic Keso, XU Chunliu who is in charge of Tencent’s *weibo*, senior research fellow Johan Lagerkvist with the Swedish Institute of International Affairs and some internet users attended the roundtable meeting. Dr. YU Shuo, director-general of the China-Europa Forum, served as an excellent interpreter in the discussion whose efforts helped burnish the whole dialogue process.

As planned, the discussion began with reflections of the Chinese and European participants on the 2010 Forum. Keso directly talked about his feelings on their workshop meeting in Shenzhen last July. He put forward a question of effective communication between two different civilizations regarding the Internet world while the online privacy protection was still the most concerned issue for Mr. Launay.

Mr. Launay shared his views and expertise on “Challenges and Prospects of the Internet”, which is concerning three major issues of the Internet: net neutrality, the Internet governance worldwide and protection of personal data online. Latest data were presented to Chinese participants.

Mr. Xu, who worked as a newspaper journalist and now is responsible for Tencent’s twitter-like microblogging system, was a new participant of the T13b workshop meeting. From the view of actual work experience, Xu introduced the development and prospects of this new Internet-based technology.

During the second free discussion, the two sides had a heated discussion. The frank and open dialogue also attracted the attention of foreign research fellows and Internet users who were caring about the topic. The staff members of the Forum tweeted posts of the roundtable discussion on t.qq.com.

### Do you Microblog tonight?

In the evening from 7:30 to 9:00, Dr. YU Shuo, Keso and Mr. Launay were interviewed by Internet users through the Tencent’s Twitter-like system where users are host.

The afternoon's discussion kept on, though the participants expanded to netizens by the microblogging. Questions were pouring to three interviewees. However, due to the limited time, a dozen of questions got response. Dr. YU indicated that the new form of dialogue was very interesting and efficient, and the Forum would continue to organize similar events, especially inviting more Europeans joining in.



(From Left to Right: Project Manger of the CEF LAI Denise, Dr. YU Shuo, Mr. Launay, Interpreter, Director of the CEF Beijing Office BAI Lily, Keso)

A series of events following the T13b workshop reunion will be held from September 27-29, 2011.

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