E-government and the impact of information and communication technology in the business world of Shenzhen, China.

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Abstract

China is a developing country. She is in the process of social reforms, in transition from the leading role of planned economy to market economy. Shenzhen, not long ago a small town with very little industry, was given the status of a special economic zone and has since become one of the 4 most powerful cities in China. The GDP of Shenzhen developed from 196 million RMB in 1979 to 190.815 billion RMB in the year 2001. In the period 1979-2001, Shenzhen’s GDP grew at an average annual rate of 29.51%. This economic growth stands out as a brilliant achievement in the whole world.

The paper will expound the great contribution of the information and communication technology in Shenzhen’s economy. In particular, it will deal with e-government and the impact of information and communication technology in the business world of Shenzhen.

The first part will be about e-government and the impact in the business world of Shenzhen. It will mainly describe the present state of e-government and its impact in the business world. Comprehensive and accurate data will demonstrate the progress Shenzhen has made with the implementation of e-government. It reveals the embryonic character of e-government. Following the government’s program, Shenzhen will perfect e-government in 2004. The paper will then explain the notable impact of e-government on the improvement of investment conditions and how it pushes economic development forward.

The second part discusses the impact of information and communication in the business world of Shenzhen. It will state that information and communication have exerted great influence and drive in the mainly industrial Shenzhen. Information and communication are also major factors promoting economic development at top speed.

In the third part, it will be shown that, in future, information and communication will be a major factor for Shenzhen’s development. It will push the productive forces forward and make technology improve. It has now become the most important driving factor promoting national economy and social development. E-government will, in Shenzhen, play its positive role to enhance competitiveness trying, from the beginning, to be in harmony with the system of international trade.