

## EVENTS OF THE YEAR

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**February 1999**

### **ISO9001 certificate granted to Founder R& D Center**

The Group's Founder R&D Center has started to study and apply the ISO9001 standards since 1997 and finally obtained this internationally recognized quality assurance certificate after two years' effort. In the future, the Group will strive to further rationalize its corporate management, improve its product quality and development efficiency, as well as minimize its production and management costs in pursuit of the ultimate objective of strengthening the Group's overall competitiveness in the market.

**June 1999**

### **Acquisition of Beijing Founder Order Computer System Co., Ltd. (Formerly known as "Beijing Super Power Software System Ltd.")**

The Company entered into an agreement with Mexican Gold Limited to acquire the entire issued share capital of Sparkling Idea Limited, the holder of the entire issued share capital of Beijing Super Power Software System Ltd., which is principally engaged in the provision of system integration solutions for banks and financial institutions in the PRC.

**July 1999**

### **E-Media strategy defined and set in motion**

The Group proposed the E-Media development strategy after having defined E-Media as a breakthrough over traditional media, a brand new means to create and deliver the contents which combines the latest technologies for Internet, communications, media digitalization and application software. At the same time, the Group has also decided its dedication to leverage on its own technological innovation capability and the existing service systems to provide the complete solutions and technical support to operators within the E-Media realm, marking the Group's very first step into the e-business arena.

**August 1999**

### **The Launch of Red Flag Linux Chinese Operating System**

Red Flag Linux Chinese Operating System was launched by the Group in cooperation with the Science Institute of the PRC and Compaq. The operating system was the Chinese version of Linux and supports various chipsets and popular database formats.

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**September 1999**

**A memorandum of understanding agreed upon with Yahoo!**

The Group has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the US's Yahoo!, the largest portal site around the globe, to establish close business partnership. The aim is to capitalize on Yahoo!'s reputation as a famous Internet search engine and the Group's leading position and technological edge in the Chinese media market, so as to form a brand new mode of commercial operation in the ever-changing Chinese Internet world.

**December 1999**

**A super media alliance formed**

The Group, in partnership with Yahoo!, has formed a super media alliance with more than 70 major media organizations in the PRC. The aim is to capitalize on the respective technology and market advantages of the Group and Yahoo! so as to realize sharing of resources and risks in their Internet news and advertising businesses.

**December 1999**

**The contract to operate the official campaign website of Beijing's 2008 Olympics Committee awarded**

With its robust technological edge, the Group managed to outbid other competitors and won the contract to construct and operate the official campaign website of Beijing's 2008 Olympics Committee.