

## **GIF Defeats Another Wave of Internet Censorship**

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**Atlanta, Georgia, November 11, 2007** – The Global Internet Freedom Consortium (GIF) announced today that their anti-censorship tools defeated another round of intensified Internet censorship imposed by China.

Recently, the Chinese regime cranked up their Great Firewall capabilities to block the most popular anti-censorship tools developed by overseas organizations. In particular, the tools released by GIF members are on the top of its list. As a result, most of these tools were temporarily rendered ineffective during the past few weeks.

In response, GIF member organizations quickly reverse-engineered the new blocking mechanisms, shared the knowledge, developed antidotes, and implemented counter-measures in new versions of their anti-blocking software.

GIF member organizations have recently released a spectrum of newer versions of their anti-censorship tools. Dynamic Internet Technology, Inc. released FreeGate Pro version 6.61, UltraReach Internet Corp. released UltraSurf version 8.7, and World's Gate Inc. released FirePhoenix version 3.1. Another tool by World's Gate (WG), GPass, will soon be released with a newer version as well.

“Since our tools are the most popular in China, we’ve become the biggest fish in the pond. The Chinese communist techies are after us every minute,” said Alex Wang, VP of WG, “This is not the first round of the battle. In the past years, the Chinese communists have churned out all kinds of tricks to block the free information traffic on the net.”

Most of such traffic was facilitated by GIF tools, which were designed to penetrate the Great Firewall, and protect Chinese users from being monitored or blocked. GIF members have been developing and maintaining such tools since 2000.

“They’ve been working hard to throw monkey wrenches in our tools, but every time their efforts have met with defeat. We urge the Chinese regime to stop this senseless game altogether, and open up the Internet to Chinese netizens,” said Mr. Wang.

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### **About The Global Internet Freedom Consortium**

Formed in 2006, the Consortium is an alliance of a few of the leading organizations in developing and deploying anti-censorship technologies for Internet users in oppressive regimes. The Consortium partners have contributed significantly to the advancement of information freedom in China. The anti-censorship technologies the Consortium members developed have enabled Internet users in China to securely visit websites blocked by the Chinese government, such as those of Voice of America and Radio Free Asia. For more information, visit <http://www.internetfreedom.org> .

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