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SAFEWEB AND VOICE OF AMERICA FORM ALLIANCE TO FREE THE INTERNET IN CHINA

Partnership formed as part of U.S. government effort to thwart Chinese government's attempts to censor the Web

Emeryville, CA - September 17, 2001 - SafeWeb, Inc. (www.safeweb.com), the premier provider of anonymous and secure Web surfing technology, entered into an agreement earlier this month with the [International Broadcasting Bureau \(IBB\)](#), parent company of the [Voice of America \(VOA\)](#), to build a network of servers for Chinese Web surfers to access sites censored by their government. The agreement is part of a U.S. government-sponsored effort to expand VOA's reach to the Chinese audience.

"Our technology has the potential to open closed societies and foster freedom of information via the Internet," said Stephen Hsu, CEO and co-founder of SafeWeb. "It is important to get this technology into the hands of a large and stable like-minded organization so that it can be put to its greatest use."

According to the agreement, entered into on September 7, 2001, SafeWeb will set up and maintain servers running its [Triangle Boy](#) program for VOA. The Triangle Boy technology provides a way for Chinese users to circumvent government firewalls and get to the banned Web sites – sites of Western media outlets, human rights organizations, the Falun Gong spiritual movement, and other sites that the Chinese government deems politically or socially harmful, including VOA's Chinese-language Web site.

The alliance conveniently coincides with the launch of VOA's new Chinese-language Web site, www.voachinese.com, on September 10, 2001.

The agreement initially calls for a dozen machines running SafeWeb's Triangle Boy software customized for Chinese users, and includes an option to expand the scope of the project after an initial three-month pilot period. The project is financed by IBB, which received a Congressional allocation of \$800,000 last year to be used for "Internet and multimedia enhancement." An undetermined portion of this amount will be spent on the project with SafeWeb.

SafeWeb, which already has its own network of approximately 100 of its signature Triangle Boy servers, has already been the target of the [Chinese government's blocking efforts](#). China has blocked access to the SafeWeb site (www.safeweb.com) since late February, and has been actively harvesting and blocking individual Triangle Boy servers since July.

The servers that SafeWeb sets up for the project with VOA will be more resistant to blocking by the government since they will all use dynamic IP addresses that are programmed to change every few hours. SafeWeb envisions building a larger network of

dedicated Triangle Boy servers pursuant to its agreement with IBB, which would in turn increase the effectiveness of the project.

"If this project expands going forward, we could build a network of hundreds or even thousands of Triangle Boy servers," says Hsu. "Then it will be nearly impossible for the Chinese government to censor the Web."

About SafeWeb, Inc.

Based in Emeryville, California, SafeWeb was founded to create innovative privacy and security technologies for individuals and businesses. SafeWeb's consumer service, www.safeweb.com, lets Internet users surf the Web anonymously and securely. Due to its effectiveness and ease of use, it is the most widely used online privacy service in the world. SafeWeb's new enterprise security product, the [Secure Extranet Appliance \(SEA\)](#), fills the important need for corporations and government institutions to protect access to their internal networks and secure data as it flows over the public Internet. For more information on SafeWeb or the SEA, please visit the company's Web site at www.safewebinc.com.

About Voice of America

The [Voice of America](#) is a multi-media international broadcasting service funded by the U.S. Government. Using radio, television and the Internet, VOA broadcasts over 900 hours a week of news, informational, educational, and cultural programming every week to a worldwide audience of 91 million. Programs are produced in English and 52 other languages.

VOA broadcasts a combined total of 18 hours a day of [Mandarin](#), [Cantonese](#) and [Tibetan](#) into China, along with an hour and a half of Special English, which uses a 1,500-word vocabulary and a slow rate of speech to provide news and information for non-native English speakers. For additional information, please contact the Office of External Affairs at (202) 619-2538 or send email to pubaff@voa.gov.

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