IT Development Roadmap Approved

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The Russian government on Monday approved a roadmap for the domestic IT industry.

The roadmap for 2013-2018, developed by the Communications and Press Ministry on the orders of President Vladimir Putin, stipulates the development of IT research, infrastructure and specialist training and the creation of tax and legal benefits for IT companies, the website Digit.ru reported Monday.

The number of high-end IT jobs should exceed 600,000 by 2018, and the output and export of domestic IT products and IT services should have doubled by that time, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said.

Communications and Press Minister Nikolai Nikiforov said IT exports were expected to grow from $4.4 billion last year to $9 billion by 2018.

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