

Challenges of Cybercrime to Chinese Criminal Law and Countermeasures

by Doc. Fan Mingzhi China Institute for Applied Jurisprudence The Internet application in China has developed dramatically. While benefiting our livelihood, the network technology provides crimes with new channels and realms, presenting new crime features.

In the modern information society, the conventional criminal law theory and criminal justice obviously fail to keep up with the network technology. The legislative and judicial systems must be continuously improved in order to cope with the challenge brought about by the rapid development of cyber technology.

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Cybercrime Situation in China



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Crimes of endangering computer information system

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Crimes of theft, fraud, and extortion by endangering computer information system

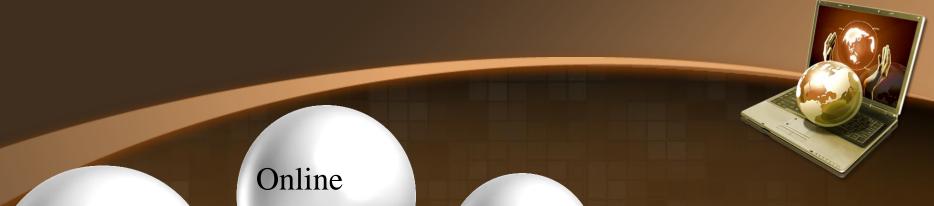
Categories

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Crimes committed against unspecific majority or by organizing, abetting, or assisting unspecific majority through publishing information or setting up social groups on Internet

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Other crimes mainly through the use of Internet



Online (telecommunication) frauds

gambling

Online drug trafficking

Highest Percentages

- Online (telecomunication) frauds:31%
- Online gambling:9%
- Online drug trafficking:6%

•statistics from: Annual report on network ecological security in China (2015)

On online trading platforms such as *Taobao*, *Jingdong*.

False Trading

False Online Certification

Malicious
Registration of
Trading Accounts
in Batch



Survey on the Protection of the Internet Users' Rights in China (2015)



Leakage of Personal Information

RMB 80.5
Billion
Damages

Junk Messages

Fraudulent Messages

2. Issues Existing in China's Criminal Justice on Cyber Crimes

Not be charged of Criminal Liability

Discrepancies in Crime Name Application

Measurement of Penalty

Conviction

Lesser Measurement of Penalty And Overmuch Probation

Unclear Measurement Standards for Penalty

Analysis of challenges brought about by cybercrime to criminal justice



Challenges

Hard to ascertain criminal suspects

Hard to convict

Hard to affirm Crime facts

3. Development of the Criminal Law of China in Combating Cybercrime



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Amendment to the Criminal Law (VII) 2009

Amendment to the Criminal Law (IX) 2015

Criminal Law of 1997



crime of intruding computer information system

damage the computer information system in the areas of national affairs, construction of national defense, and state-of-the-art science and technology only

crime of damaging computer information system

Amendment to the Criminal Law (VII) 2009



- Incorporating general computer information system and information rights of citizens into the protection scope of the criminal law
- Crime of illegal access to computer information system data and illegal control of computer information system
 - Crime of providing programs and tools for intruding and illegally controlling computer information system

Amendment to the Criminal Law (IX) 2015



Further expanded the punishment scope of cyber crimes

Amended the crime of infringing personal information

Refusing to perform security management of network

Illegal use of information network

Assisting with information network criminal activities

China criminal justice is willing to work with all countries around the world to combat cybercrime and build up legal concepts and judicial systems that are fit for the information economy within the framework of rule of law.





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