



E-regulation discussed at e-G8 forum

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg(r) shakes hands with French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday. Press TV

FRANCE: Ahead of the G8 summit, several information technology industry firms have gathered to call on world leaders not to impose strict privacy regulations.

Over 1500 people attended an e-G8 forum as French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for the imposition of stricter privacy and copyright laws, France24 reported on Tuesday.

The May 24-25 forum was held in Paris and was attended by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Google Inc. Chairman Eric Schmidt.

The Internet giants argued their case for no changes in the regulation of policies, saying more regulation would slow down growth in the fast-changing cyber-world.

Zuckerberg said, "People tell me on the one hand 'it's great you played such a big role in the Arab spring, but it's also kind of scary because you enable all this sharing and collect information on people.'"

Sarkozy's call was also rejected by German Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich, who said Germany had demonstrated a better way with self-regulation by web companies.

The G8 summit is scheduled to be held in the French city of Deauville from May 26 to 27. Thursday, Press TV