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FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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For the month of January 2010**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE9 LIMITED

By: /s/ Jun Zhu

Name: Jun Zhu

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 14, 2010

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Commercial Launch of World of Fighter in China

Shanghai, January 13, 2010 The9 Limited (NASDAQ: NCTY) (The9), an online game developer and operator in China, today announced that its first proprietary 2D MMORPG, *World of Fighter*, will be commercially launched in China on January 15, 2010.

World of Fighter is a side-scrolling online game based on the history of the Three Kingdoms in China, where players can experience a series of historical battles with a number of famous ancient Chinese figures. The game applies real-time combat mode functionality with a rich set of skills and strict real-time combat operations. In addition to providing gorgeous graphics and smooth operation, *World of Fighter* integrates numerous practical functions such as fresh navigating and auction house systems as well as fun-inspiring functions including a jewelry embedding synthetic system.

The game was produced by The9 Development Center (TDC) after three years of dedicated work, and has achieved high rankings in various game lists since its open beta testing started on January 8, 2010. To date, *World of Fighter* has been licensed to overseas game operators for operation in Korea, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

TDC is The9 Limited's wholly-owned online game research and development (R&D) center. Aiming to position itself as one of the top domestic online game R&D centers, TDC actively promotes the development of the China online game industry while deepening its cooperation with the software industry and education sector to cultivate talents for game development. To date, TDC employs approximately 330 in-house R&D personnel.

For more information, please visit <http://wof.the9.com/>

About The9 Limited

The9 Limited is an online game operator and developer in China. The9's business is primarily focused on developing and operating high-quality games for the Chinese online game market. The9 directly, or through affiliates, operates licensed MMORPGs and advanced casual games including *Soul of The Ultimate Nation*, *Granado Espada*, EA SPORTS FIFA Online 2 and *Atlantica*, as well as its proprietary games *World of Fighter* and *Jiu Zhou Zhan Ji*, in mainland China. It has also obtained exclusive licenses to operate other games in mainland China, including *Audition 2*, *Kingdom Heroes 2 Online*. In addition, The9 is developing various proprietary games, including *Miracles: Ultimate X*, *Tiny Tribe*, *Monster of War* and other MMORPGs and advanced causal games.

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