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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/645/2021_2022__E5_A4_87_E6_88_982009_c84_645192.htm gege"> UN officials pledged Thursday to bridge the worlds digital divide, bringing computers and Internet training to poorer countries before they fall further behind in technology and wealth. The Digital Service Corps initiative expands on a University of Pennsylvania pilot that sent three professors and 27 students to the West African country of Mali last spring. Four countries will be selected for visits in December. In partnering with the private Global Technology Organization, the UN Office for Projects Services wants to reduce the gap separating nations with good technology from those without. "There are more Web sites originating here in New York than in all of Africa," said Reinhart Helmke, Executive Director of the UN agency, "There are more Web sites originating in Finland than in all of Latin America and the Caribbean. " Helmke said the digital divide would be better described as a digital chasm. He said the global economy cannot be sustained if some countries are left out. Neysan Rassekh, founder and president of Global Technology Organization, vowed to tackle the problem "country by country, town by town, citizen by citizen. The initiative carries no funding, however. The UN projects .office, as a self-financing agency with a limited budget, will provide only management know-how. Rassekhs group, which organized the University of Pennsylvania group, plans to solicit (恳求) cash and equipment donations. For the Mali project,the university paid airfare

and other expenses through fees that students pay to receive academic credit. Eliminating the global divide won't be easy.- Persuading foreign governments to buy computers instead of food can be tough, even though technology can reduce poverty and hunger in the long run, said Hafidh Chaibi, who promotes global access through the World of Knowledge Foundation in Orlando, Fla. Ernest Wilson, an international development specialist at the University of Maryland, said his research found information technology growing by 18 percent a year in developing countries, compared with 23 percent in industrialized nations. That means the gap continues to grow despite improvements through programs from the United Nations, the World Bank, the Markle Foundation and other organizations. The UN announcement came as world leaders met at the UN Millennium Summit to discuss such challenges as peace, disarmament and access to new technology. Over four weeks in May and June, the University of Pennsylvania volunteers set up four computer centers in Mali and trained 120 residents, mostly students and educators who could then teach others. Organizers are also setting up a Web site to help residents obtain information on education and health, The UN agency and its private partner plan to replicate that effort in 10 to 12 countries a year. 57. The "digital divide" as is used in the first passage refers to [A] the gap in technology and wealth between poor and rich countries [B] inadequate training which technicians in poorer countries have received [C] the availability of computer and Internet technologies to different nations [D] the difference in the number of Web sites

created in poor and rich countries 58. What Helmke said means that [A] measures should be taken to bridge the worlds digital divide [B] rich countries should help poor countries to create more Web sites [C] rich countries should help poor countries to develop their economy [D] sustainable development is important to both poor and rich countries 59. We learn from the passage that the Digital Service Corps initiative [A] was originated by some university professors and students [B] will be made possible by cash and equipment donations [C] will be made to work with the fees paid by students who participate [D] will be funded by the United Nations and some financial agencies 60. It is difficult to narrow down the present digital divide because [A] leaders of poor countries have no development plan for their countries [B] poor countries have no money to buy computers and the Internet equipment [C] the poor country invest less on computer than on food [D] world leaders are more concerned about such challenges as peace or disarmament 61. In the last sentence of the passage "its private partner" refers to [A] the UN Office for Projects Services [B] the University of Pennsylvania [C] Global Technology Organization 点击进入论坛 查看答案gt. 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com