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Hillary Clinton breaks bread with tech titans

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met last week with a handful of high-tech titans to talk about how the Internet and new gadgets can support the nation's foreign diplomacy needs.

On Jan. 21, Clinton is scheduled to give a policy speech on "Internet freedom" and push against censorship on the Web.

The State Department's senior adviser on innovation, Alec Ross, is charged with using text messaging, social applications, e-mail and mobile technology to that end. He's used such technology in programs to help reduce violence against women in the Congo and to remind patients to take HIV medication in sub-Saharan Africa. Last week, the agency said in a blog post that it plans to promote Twitter as a "worldwide platform in which people can discuss the meaning of democracy and exchange ideas from diverse perspectives."

The dinner included Google chief executive Eric Schmidt, Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, and Microsoft chief research and strategy officer Craig Mundie. The meeting also included nonprofit leaders and representatives from the Web 2.0 world such as Shervin Pishevar, chief executive of mobile game company Social Gaming Network; Jason Liebman, chief of online video aggregator Howcast; and James Eberhard, founder of the mobile donations company Mobile Accord.

Clinton joked that it was the youngest dinner she had hosted at the State Department, Ross said.

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