

Hong Kong to build a new blockchain center

Since this month, two large-scale blockchain events have been held in Hong Kong. The two series of events, "Hong Kong blockchain week" and "Asia encryption week", are both industry-leading in terms of guest specifications, duration and number of participants. The author observes that under the background that the blockchain industry as a whole has not yet come out of the "winter", thousands of people from more than 50 countries and regions participate in the industry event in Hong Kong, and there are still hundreds of projects seeking for funds. Participants from different backgrounds keep exchanging new knowledge, which seems to indicate that the industry is accelerating to recover.

At recent events, I met the founder of Ethereum, Vitalik Buterin, the co-founder of SPiCE VC, a blockchain investment institution, TAL ELYASHIV, even a representative of the SFC, which is not unusual. But these attendees outside the blockchain circle are a bit of a surprise, which include the executives from the multinational technology company Microsoft and the financial messaging system SWIFT, reporters from the Wall Street journal and bloomberg. In the agenda of the meeting, the topics discussed also expanded from the traditional "industry and blockchain application", "blockchain technology outlook", "blockchain and financial services and investment" and other aspects to the deeper topics such as "power: government, regulation and awareness" and "trust in blockchain: network security".

Huddle warm atmosphere thick

In the author's opinion, the layout or introduction of blockchain by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Facebook, Sinochem Group and other large companies reflects that blockchain technology is no longer known in a small category, and the clarity of government regulation also provides the development path of blockchain compliance. Therefore, it is natural for blockchain to demystify, go public, embrace and even innovate traditional industries. In the future, we can expect that more and more industry forums will present the topic of block chain technology enabling, and we can also expect that more and more blockchain activities will present the senior executives of fortune 500 enterprises.

Observing the dozens of booths in the surrounding of main meeting-place, up to hundreds of corner meeting and dozens of party after the meeting, will find more interesting phenomenon — in about one hundred people in the crowd, one-on-one people exchange the WeChat and other social media accounts, push your own e-card

and project PPT, or seeking to invest, or docking services, business are quickly agreed upon in the chat. These scenes tend not to be seen in mature industries. Although the blockchain industry is characterized by decentralization, in reality, the exchange of information between each "node" often relies on centralized activities. Each "node" seems to be eager to exchange information and resources, there is a "huddle" atmosphere. As Juwan Lee, CEO of Nexchange that is the host of Hong Kong blockchain week, said the community is a must for the blockchain industry.

Facing the mainland of China, under the background of "Guangdong-hong kong-macao greater bay area", Hong Kong's attitude towards recruiting blockchain talents is very clear, and has been written into the newly revised "Documents on the Hong Kong quality migrant admission scheme". In the blockchain industry, many mainland Chinese companies have moved their technology research and development to the Big bay area. With the industrial clusters of Huawei, Tencent, Dajiang and other companies backed by neighboring Shenzhen, and the dividend policy of "one country, two systems", as well as the institutions are conducting a lot of block chain basic algorithm research and talent training such as City university of Hong Kong, Hong Kong academy of sciences, and Hong Kong cyberport, Hong Kong has a clear advantage in block chain.

Facing the world, many multinational financial institutions have set up headquarters in Hong Kong, which is why many important conferences of the blockchain industry are held in Hong Kong. Hong Kong's status as a financial service and information exchange hub in the block chain industry is becoming increasingly prominent.