

The9 LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 21, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549  
FORM 6-K  
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the month of January 2009**

Commission File Number: 000-51053

**THE9 LIMITED**  
Building No. 3, 690 Bibo Road  
Zhangjiang Hi-tech Park, Pudong New Area  
Shanghai 201203, People's Republic of China  
(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 21, 2009

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Exhibit 99.1

**The9 Limited Announces the Declaration of a Cash Dividend**

**Shanghai, China, January 21, 2009** The9 Limited (NASDAQ: NCTY) ( The9 ), a leading online game operator and developer in China, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a special cash dividend in an aggregate amount of U.S. \$29,410,000, or approximately of U.S. \$1.11 per share on its ordinary shares, par value U.S. \$0.01 per share, based on the number of shares outstanding on the date hereof. The actual dividend per share will be based on the number of shares outstanding on the record date.

The special cash dividend, net of taxes withheld pursuant to applicable law, is payable on or around February 9, 2009 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 2, 2009, U.S. Eastern Standard Time.

**About The9 Limited**

The9 Limited is a leading online game operator and developer in China. The9's business is primarily focused on operating and developing high-quality games for the Chinese online game market. The9 directly or through affiliates operates licensed MMORPGs, consisting of MU®, Blizzard Entertainment®'s World of Warcraft®, Soul of The Ultimate Nation™, Granado Espada, and its first proprietary MMORPG, Joyful Journey West™, in mainland China. It has also obtained exclusive licenses to operate additional MMORPGs and advanced casual games in mainland China, including EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online 2, Audition 2, Atlantica, Hellgate: London, Ragnarok Online 2, Emil Chronicle Online, Huxley™ and Field of Honor. In addition, The9 is also developing various proprietary games, including Warriors of Fate Online™ and others.

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