



## Microsoft announces plans to open new data center in Thailand as part of expanding presence in Southeast Asia

### Description

Microsoft's CEO, Satya Nadella, has announced plans for significant investments in Southeast Asia, including a new regional data center in Thailand. The tech giant is set to invest in AI skills training for over 100,000 people and support local developers, marking a major commitment to the region.

Nadella's announcement comes on the heels of Microsoft's pledge to inject \$1.7 billion into Indonesia over the next four years for cloud and AI infrastructure development. The company aims to empower Thailand to build a digital-first, AI-powered future by driving impact and growth in both public and private sectors.

Thailand's Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin praised the collaboration with Microsoft, calling it a significant milestone in the nation's journey towards growth and innovation. Microsoft's expansion in Southeast Asia also includes plans for new data centers in Malaysia and Indonesia, aligning with its vision to support economic growth and digital transformation in the region.

The increasing demand for cloud computing services and data centers in Thailand reflects the growing need for AI-driven technologies. Microsoft's broader initiative to provide AI skilling opportunities to 2.5 million individuals in the ASEAN region by 2025 underscores its commitment to fostering digital literacy and innovation in the region.

Overall, Microsoft's strategic investments in Thailand and Southeast Asia signify a broader push towards digital transformation and innovation, positioning the region for sustained growth in the tech industry.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Investments** // (noun): Commitment of money or resources to achieve a specific goal.
2. **Infrastructure** // (noun): Basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society, enterprise, or system.
3. **Empower** // (verb): Give power or authority to authorize.
4. **Collaboration** // (noun): The action of working with someone to produce or create something.
5. **Expansion** // (noun): The action of becoming larger or more extensive.
6. **Initiative** // (noun): The power or opportunity to act or take charge before others do.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What type of investor typically lacks experience and knowledge in investing?  
Option: A) Professional  
Option: B) Amateur  
Option: C) Expert  
Option: D) Novice
2. What term describes investments that have unpredictable price changes?  
Option: A) Steady  
Option: B) Stable  
Option: C) Volatile  
Option: D) Consistent
3. Which word best describes misleading or falsely attractive investment schemes?  
Option: A) Transparent  
Option: B) Honest  
Option: C) Deceptive  
Option: D) Genuine
4. What term denotes wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial gain?  
Option: A) Honesty



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- Option: B) Compliance  
Option: C) Fraud  
Option: D) Integrity
5. What does it mean to give someone the authority or power to do something?  
Option: A) Constrain  
Option: B) Hinder  
Option: C) Empower  
Option: D) Suppress
6. What term is used for assertions made without proof against someone?  
Option: A) Truths  
Option: B) Allegations  
Option: C) Confessions  
Option: D) Evidence
7. What term describes the action of taking the first step or move?  
Option: A) Inaction  
Option: B) Indecision  
Option: C) Initiative  
Option: D) Hesitation
8. What word refers to the act of increasing in size or scope?  
Option: A) Contraction  
Option: B) Reduction  
Option: C) Expansion  
Option: D) Limitation
9. What term is used to describe following laws rules and regulations?  
Option: A) Defiance  
Option: B) Nonconformity  
Option: C) Compliance  
Option: D) Rebellion
10. What term is associated with principles of right and wrong behavior?  
Option: A) Unethical  
Option: B) Moral  
Option: C) Ethical  
Option: D) Corrupt

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dispute was reached after lengthy negotiations.
12. The employees showed strong \_\_\_\_\_ to the new company policy.
13. The company \_\_\_\_\_ high-quality products for the international market.
14. The organization focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ of women in leadership roles.
15. The company diversified its \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce risk.
16. Failing to meet the deadline will have serious \_\_\_\_\_ for the project.
17. The attorney \_\_\_\_\_ that the documents were falsified.
18. The company launched several \_\_\_\_\_ to improve sustainability.
19. The safety regulations were updated after several serious \_\_\_\_\_ .
20. The success of the project relied on effective \_\_\_\_\_ between teams.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



21. The company's new business model proved to be very successful and generated high returns.
22. The reigning champion continued to control the competition with ease.
23. The scam artist's activities were deceitful and designed to trick innocent victims.
24. The conflict between the two nations escalated leading to increased hostilities.
25. The emergency response team was quickly sent to the scene of the accident.
26. The advertisement contained false information and led consumers to wrong conclusions.
27. Through education and support the organization aims to empower marginalized communities.
28. It is essential for professionals to adhere to strict ethical standards in their practices.
29. Diversifying your portfolio is key to minimizing risk and maximizing potential returns.
30. Modernizing the country's infrastructure is crucial for economic growth and development.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B) Amateur 2. C) Volatile 3. C) Deceptive 4. C) Fraud 5. C) Empower 6. B) Allegations  
7. C) Initiative 8. C) Expansion 9. C) Compliance 10. C) Ethical

**Gap-Fill:** 11. settlement 12. resistance 13. manufactured 14. empowerment 15. investments 16.  
consequences 17. alleges 18. initiatives 19. incidents 20. collaboration

**Matching sentence:** 1. Profitable 2. Dominance 3. Fraudulent 4. Tensions 5. Dispatched 6. Misleading  
7. Empower 8. Ethical 9. Investment 10. Infrastructure

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