

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 Al 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 Al infrastructure development. The company aims to empower Thailand to build a digital-first, Al-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 Al-driven technologies. Microsoft's broader initiative to provide Al 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.

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 societyenterpriseor 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
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	

9. What term is used to describe following laws rules and regulations?

Option: A) Defiance

Option: D) Limitation

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 stron	g to the new company policy.	
13. The company	high-quality products for the international market	
14. The organization focuses on t	he of women in leadership roles.	
15. The company diversified its _	to reduce risk.	
16. Failing to meet the deadline v	vill have serious for the project.	
17. The attorney	that the documents were falsified.	
18. The company launched sever	al to improve sustainability.	
19. The safety regulations were updated after several serious		
20. The success of the project rel	ied 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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