



# Microsoft plans to expand in Southeast Asia with a new data center in Thailand

## Description

Microsoft's CEO Satya Nadella recently announced a groundbreaking initiative in Thailand, unveiling plans to invest in the country's first data center, part of the Cloud First platform. This move underscores Microsoft's commitment to Southeast Asia, with a focus on boosting AI capabilities in the region.

The tech giant will also support AI skills training for over 100,000 individuals and collaborate with local developers to drive innovation. While the exact investment amount remains undisclosed, the impact of these commitments is expected to be significant.

Nadella's announcement comes on the heels of a \$1.7 billion investment in Indonesia over the next four years for cloud and AI infrastructure development. Highlighting Thailand's potential for a digital-first future, Microsoft aims to fuel growth and impact in both the public and private sectors.

This strategic move aligns with Microsoft's broader expansion efforts in Southeast Asia, following the establishment of data centers in Malaysia and Indonesia in 2021. The company's focus on AI skilling programs for 2.5 million people in the ASEAN region further underscores its commitment to driving digital innovation and economic growth in the region.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Initiative** // (noun): A new plan or process to achieve a particular aim.
2. **Unveiling** // (noun): The act of making something known for the first time.
3. **Commitment** // (noun): A promise or firm decision to do something.
4. **Capabilities** // (noun): The power or ability to do something.
5. **Innovation** // (noun): The introduction of new ideas, methods, or products.
6. **Undisclosed** // (adjective): Not made known to the public.

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term refers to the process of ensuring compliance with laws and regulations?  
Option: A. Opted  
Option: B. Surge  
Option: C. Enforcement  
Option: D. Peak
2. What term describes a prediction of future trends or outcomes?  
Option: A. Revenue  
Option: B. Forecast  
Option: C. Peak  
Option: D. Initiative
3. What are consequences or punitive measures imposed for violations of rules or laws?  
Option: A. Allegations  
Option: B. Mass  
Option: C. Penalties  
Option: D. Forecast
4. Which term refers to one's power or ability to perform certain tasks or activities?  
Option: A. Revenue  
Option: B. Capabilities  
Option: C. Suspension  
Option: D. Deceptive



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5. What term describes goods that have been produced in a factory?  
Option: A. Optimistic  
Option: B. Manufactured  
Option: C. Fabricate  
Option: D. Enforcement
6. Which term describes a systematic review or examination of records to ensure accuracy and compliance?  
Option: A. Undisclosed  
Option: B. Enforcement  
Option: C. Audit  
Option: D. Allegations
7. What term refers to the act of adhering to rules regulations or standards?  
Option: A. Innovation  
Option: B. Compliance  
Option: C. Revenue  
Option: D. Violation
8. What term describes the action of compelling observance of laws or rules?  
Option: A. Initiative  
Option: B. Capabilities  
Option: C. Enforcement  
Option: D. Deliberate
9. Which term refers to a recovery after a decline or setback?  
Option: A. Revenue  
Option: B. Rebound  
Option: C. Stiff  
Option: D. Suspension
10. Which term describes having a positive outlook or expecting favorable outcomes?  
Option: A. Misleading  
Option: B. Optimistic  
Option: C. Surge  
Option: D. Unveiling

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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ of corruption were made against several government officials.
12. Strict \_\_\_\_\_ of traffic laws is necessary to ensure public safety.



13. The new software enhances the company's \_\_\_\_\_ to handle large amounts of data.
14. The charity organization launched an educational \_\_\_\_\_ to help underprivileged children.
15. During summer energy consumption often reaches its \_\_\_\_\_ due to high demand for cooling systems.
16. The student faced a one-week \_\_\_\_\_ for violating the school's code of conduct.
17. Economists \_\_\_\_\_ that the market will experience steady growth in the next quarter.
18. The company prides itself on its culture of \_\_\_\_\_ constantly developing new products and solutions.
19. The advertisement was \_\_\_\_\_ promising results that were impossible to achieve.
20. The witness admitted to trying to \_\_\_\_\_ a story to protect the accused.

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

21. The marketing campaign containing false information was considered unethical.
22. The company had financial liabilities that were only revealed during the audit.
23. The sabotage of the competitor's product was a attempt to gain market share.
24. Any of the terms of service will result in immediate account suspension.
25. The company will be their latest product line at the upcoming trade show.
26. The competitors in the market offered competition making it challenging to enter the industry.
27. The event drew a of participants from various backgrounds.
28. Strict of regulations is essential to maintain order in society.
29. The company high-quality products for export to international markets.



30. The company's to sustainability is evident in its eco-friendly practices.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C. Enforcement 2. B. Forecast 3. C. Penalties 4. B. Capabilities 5. B. Manufactured 6. C. Audit 7. B. Compliance 8. C. Enforcement 9. B. Rebound 10. B. Optimistic

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Allegations 12. Enforcement 13. Capabilities 14. Initiative 15. Peak 16. Suspension 17. Forecast 18. Innovation 19. Deceptive 20. Fabricate

**Matching sentence:** 1. Misleading 2. Undisclosed 3. Deliberate 4. Violation 5. Unveiling 6. Stiff 7. Mass 8. Enforcement 9. Manufactured 10. Commitment

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