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Prompt: As an esteemed guest, I attended the BVLGARI AETERNA gala, an exclusive event hosted by the renowned luxury jewelry brand BVLGARI, founded in 1884. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the iconic Bayon Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gala was part of a grand exhibition showcasing exquisite high-end creations. The event welcomed international celebrities, further cementing Cambodia's reputation as a premier global destination for luxury experiences.

Photo Credit: ChatGPT

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1. PM calls for cultivating digital citizens for AI, 5G

Source: [Khmer Times](#)

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet has urged for a strengthening of STEM education to support AI and 5G development. He emphasized that technology impacts all sectors, including business and religion. He proposed five recommendations, including collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour, to reform Cambodia's human capital development. The focus is on expanding STEM expertise, improving educational quality, and ensuring digital literacy to boost Cambodia's competitiveness in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Industry experts highlight the growing demand for digital and technical skills in manufacturing and smart supply chains.



Source: FREEPIK

Reference:

Nhean, C. (2025, February 26). PM calls for cultivating digital citizens for AI, 5G. *Khmer Times*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501645345/pm-calls-for-cultivating-digital-citizens-for-ai-5g/>

2. France and India: Together for an Inclusive and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence for People and the Planet

Source: [Khmer Times](#)



Source: FREEPIK

The AI Summit in Paris, co-chaired by France and India, emphasized global cooperation for ethical, inclusive, and sustainable AI. Key discussions included AI safety, digital inclusion, governance, and environmental impacts. France announced the creation of the National Institute for AI Monitoring and Security (INESIA) to strengthen global AI trust. The Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) reinforced commitments to AI ethics and security, with Cambodia expressing interest in joining. France and India reaffirmed their strategic AI partnership, with India set to host the 2026 AI Action Summit.

Reference:

Pellet, J. & Bawitlung, V. (2025, February 27). France and India: Together for an inclusive and sustainable artificial intelligence for people and the planet. *Khmer Times*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501646048/france-and-india-together-for-an-inclusive-and-sustainable-artificial-intelligence-for-people-and-the-planet/>

3. Major Asia bank to cut 4,000 roles as AI replaces humans

Source: [BBC](#)



Reference:

Hoskins, P. (2025, February 25). Major Asia bank to cut 4,000 roles as AI replaces humans. *BBC*.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4g7xn9y64pq>

Singapore's DBS plans to cut around 4,000 temporary and contract roles over the next three years as AI takes over tasks previously done by humans. The job reductions will occur through natural attrition, meaning positions will not be renewed once projects are completed. However, the bank also expects to create 1,000 new AI-related jobs, signaling a shift toward AI-driven operations rather than outright workforce reduction. DBS has been integrating AI for over a decade, deploying 800 AI models across 350 applications, with an anticipated economic impact exceeding S\$1 billion (\$745 million) in 2025. The broader implications of AI-driven automation remain a global concern, with the IMF estimating that AI could affect nearly 40% of jobs worldwide, potentially deepening inequality.

4. Center for Design Thinking launches AI workshop with Elon's AI Initiative

Source: [Elon University](#)



Reference:

Lake, D. (2025, February 25). Center for Design Thinking launches AI workshop with Elon's AI Initiative. *Elon University*.
<https://www.elon.edu/u/news/2025/02/25/center-for-design-thinking-launches-ai-workshop-with-elons-ai-initiative/>

Elon University's Center for Design Thinking has launched a workshop titled "Designing for Ethical and Effective AI-Usage" in partnership with Elon's Artificial Intelligence Initiative. The workshop aims to teach students how AI can be used as a tool rather than a replacement in academic and professional settings. The hands-on exercises involve effective prompt-building and integrating AI within design thinking frameworks to tackle real-world challenges. The initiative aligns with Elon University's commitment to AI education and its student guide on navigating AI in higher education. The AI Team, led by Director of AI Integration Mustafa Akben, plans to expand the collaboration with future workshops. The program reflects the growing need for AI literacy and emphasizes the importance of harnessing its potential for success in the AI era.

5. Naron urges the use of ChatGPT, AI amongst educators

Source: [Khmer Times](#)

Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, Hang Chuon Naron, has urged educators to integrate AI, particularly ChatGPT, into teaching, learning, and research to enhance education quality. Speaking at the Education Congress, he emphasized AI's potential to improve efficiency, assist competitive exam preparation, and solve sector-wide challenges.

To further digital education, the ministry launched Sala Digital, a virtual learning platform offering interactive classrooms and flexible learning opportunities. This initiative aligns with Cambodia's push for AI-driven education, with model schools piloting AI systems.

Despite strong support, concerns remain about educators' readiness, prompting calls for teacher training in AI tools. As Cambodia embraces AI in education, equipping educators with the necessary skills will be crucial for success.



Source: FREEPIK

Reference:

Sen, D. (2025, February 28). Naron urges the use of ChatGPT, AI amongst educators. *Khmer Times*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501646684/naron-urges-the-use-of-chatgpt-ai-amongst-educators/>

6. Trump faces Truth Social backlash over AI video of Gaza with topless Netanyahu and bearded bellydancers

Source: [The Guardian](#)



Source: FREEPIK

Donald Trump has been criticized on his social media platform, Truth Social, for sharing an AI-generated video depicting Gaza as a luxurious resort. The video, part of Trump's "Riviera of the Middle East" proposal, features skyscrapers, yachts, and a golden statue of Trump. The video also features Benjamin Netanyahu, bearded bellydancers, and Elon Musk dancing. The AI-generated lyrics praise Trump as Gaza's "liberator," further fueling the controversy. Trump's supporters on Truth Social reacted negatively, calling the video "in poor taste" and "horrible." His Christian base, particularly his Christian base, criticized the golden statue of Trump as idolatrous. The video has been widely condemned, especially as Israel faces genocide accusations in Gaza. Palestinian leaders were not consulted on Trump's plan, and key Middle Eastern nations have rejected it.

Reference:

Holmes, O. & Owen, P. (2025, February 26). Trump faces Truth Social backlash over AI video of Gaza with topless Netanyahu and bearded bellydancers. *The Guardian*.
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/26/backlash-trump-shares-ai-created-video-reimagined-gaza>

PUBLICATIONS

AIF Insights No. 3 (2025) | AI and Algorithms in the DIKW Pyramid Perspective

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Chhem, R. (2025, February 2). *AI and Algorithms in the DIKW Pyramid Perspective*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/?publication=aif-insights-no-3-2025-ai-and-algorithms-in-the-dikw-pyramid-perspective>

This study by Professor R. Chhem, Distinguished Professor of AI and Humanities at CamTech University, explores the relationship between AI and the Data-Information-Knowledge-Wisdom (DIKW) Pyramid. It examines how AI progresses from Perception AI, which processes raw data, to Analytical AI, which structures information, Cognitive AI, which applies reasoning, and Autonomous AI (AGI), which aspires to ethical decision-making and self-learning.

While most AI systems operate within the Information and Knowledge tiers, the pursuit of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) remains a challenge requiring advancements in ethics, interpretability, and human-centered design. By applying the DIKW framework, this work highlights AI's evolving role in decision-making and underscores the importance of responsible development to ensure societal benefits.

Artificial Intelligence is the driving force of innovation and technological advancement, greatly contributing to economic growth. With the rise of this transformative technology, there are some challenges regarding developing legal frameworks and policies, particularly in the area of AI-related intellectual property issues. Therefore, the legal implications concerning Intellectual Property and AI at the national (Cambodia), regional (ASEAN), and global level will be discussed in this article without intending to analyze the law in detail but rather to give a comprehensive overview of the present situation and how it may be applied to this new field.

AIF Insights No. 4 (2025) | AI and Law: A Global to Local Look at Regulating the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Pong, P., Ing, C. & Tann, T. (2025, February 27). *AI and Law: A Global to Local Look at Regulating the Fourth Industrial Revolution*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/?publication=aif-insights-no-4-2025-ai-and-law-a-global-to-local-look-at-regulating-the-fourth-industrial-revolution>

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