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Prompt: The official inauguration of the Kampot International Tourism Port is set for April 3, with Prime Minister Hun Manet leading the ceremony. This project seeks to overcome infrastructure and capacity challenges that have been limiting tourism growth in Kampot, Kep, and Koh Kong provinces.

Photo Credit: Grok

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1. Cambodia gears up to harness potential and mitigate the risks of artificial intelligence

Source: [Khmer Times](#)

Cambodia is actively preparing to harness AI's potential while mitigating its risks, as highlighted in a national forum on "Cambodia's Readiness for Artificial Intelligence," organized by the National Council of Science, Technology and Innovation (NCSTI) in collaboration with the UN-ESCAP.

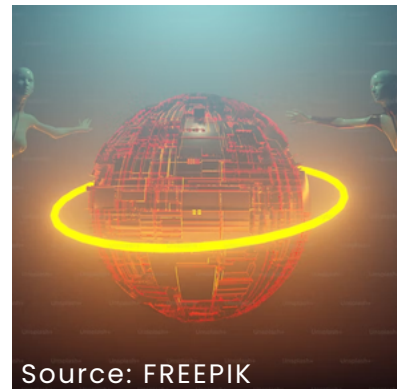
Minister Hem Vanndy emphasized AI's role in boosting economic productivity and efficiency, stressing the need for a balanced approach—neither chaotic adoption nor excessive restriction. The forum marked a step toward Cambodia's National AI Strategy, focusing on key areas such as AI-driven productivity, research, human capital development, digital infrastructure, and public sector integration.

UN Resident Coordinator Joseph Scheuer reinforced AI's role in inclusive development, calling for collaboration across government, business, and academia. A panel discussion led by Senior Minister Chhem Kieth Rethy explored AI's transformative impact on Cambodia's economy while addressing ethical concerns and job displacement.

With AI projected to add up to \$1 trillion to ASEAN's GDP by 2030, Cambodia is conducting studies to align its AI strategy with national needs, ensuring responsible and sustainable growth.

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Source: FREEPIK

2. Palantir delivers first two AI-enabled systems to U.S. Army

Source: [CNBC](#)

Palantir has delivered its first AI-powered Tactical Intelligence Targeting Access Node (TITAN) systems to the U.S. Army, marking a major advancement in battlefield technology. TITAN functions as a mobile ground station, leveraging AI to analyze space sensor data, enhance targeting accuracy, and support strategic decision-making—all without relying on cloud computing.

Source: FREEPIK

This \$178 million contract makes Palantir the first software company to lead a major military hardware program, underscoring AI's growing role in defense. Collaborating with Northrop Grumman, L3Harris, and Anduril Industries, Palantir plans to deliver 10 TITAN units, reinforcing the U.S. military's shift toward AI-driven warfare. This move aligns with the Pentagon's broader push for AI integration, including its partnership with Scale AI. Despite stock fluctuations, Palantir remains a dominant force in AI-powered defense solutions.

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3. Taiwan Launches "Best AI Awards 2025" with NT\$1M Grand Prize to Attract Global AI & IC Talent

Source: [Yahoo Finance](#)



Taiwan has launched the Best AI Awards 2025, a global competition aimed at accelerating AI applications and IC design, reinforcing its commitment to AI innovation. Organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) and the Taipei Computer Association (TCA), the competition offers a NT\$1 million (USD 32,000) grand prize and exclusive career opportunities for top participants. Open to students and professionals worldwide, submissions are accepted until April 8, 2025, with finalists invited to Taipei in May.

Source: Unsplash

Winners will receive special work visas, expert training, and industry connections, supporting Taiwan's goal of cultivating 200,000 AI professionals within four years. As Taiwan's AI sector climbs into the world's top 14, this initiative strengthens its role as a global AI and semiconductor hub, fostering cross-border collaboration and high-tech innovation.

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4. China's red-eye AI just killed human pilots' last hope to win in air combat: researchers

Source: [South China Morning Post](#)

Source: Unsplash



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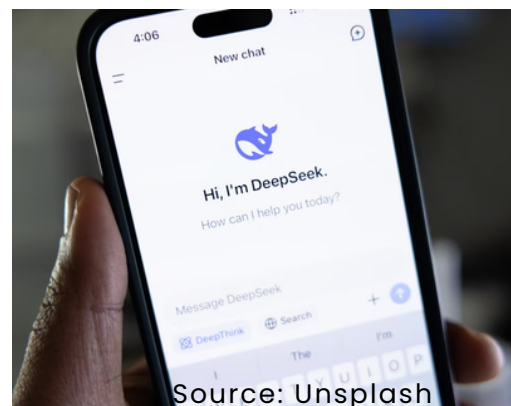
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China's 'Red-Eye' AI marks a breakthrough in air combat technology, eliminating the last advantage human pilots had over AI—unpredictability. Developed by the Northwest Institute of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering under Norinco, this AI-powered infrared detection system uses a modified YOLOv8 neural network to analyze millimeter-level deformations in aircraft control surfaces. Unlike traditional trajectory-based AI, 'Red-Eye' can predict and counter sudden, non-linear maneuvers, making even highly agile fighter jets like the F-15 vulnerable. This advancement shifts air combat dominance further toward autonomous AI systems, redefining modern aerial warfare.

5. DeepSeek AI cranks open the spigots on Chinese venture capital

Source: [CNBC](#)

DeepSeek's AI breakthrough has revitalized China's venture capital landscape, reversing a three-year decline and attracting global investor interest. The launch of DeepSeek's OpenAI rival in January 2025 coincided with a \$110 million Series E round for AI-driven drug discovery firm Insilico Medicine, sparking renewed funding momentum. Investors, including BAI Capital and Forebright Capital, are now prioritizing established AI firms with proven profitability. The Chinese government is actively fueling this resurgence with a 1 trillion yuan (\$137.7 billion) tech fund, increased AI innovation loans, and Premier Li Qiang's pro-VC policies. Despite US-China tensions, DeepSeek's success highlights China's AI talent and technological edge, driving investment akin to the U.S. AI stock boom. With strong state backing and a competitive AI ecosystem, China is positioning itself as a global AI leader.

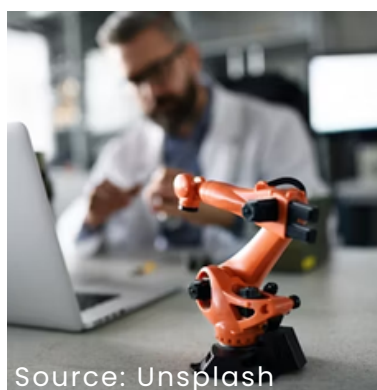


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6. Vietnam's historic opportunity to lead the AI and semiconductor revolution

Source: [Vietnamnet Global](#)



Vietnam is at a pivotal moment to lead in AI and semiconductor innovation, as emphasized at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Semiconductors (AISC) 2025. Experts highlighted that AI is both driving and benefiting from semiconductor advancements, positioning Vietnam as a potential global AI hub. With strong government support and growing international interest from major economies like the U.S., Japan, and South Korea, Vietnam has a unique opportunity to integrate into global technology trends. AI-driven semiconductor design, as showcased by Google's automation efforts, is reshaping the industry, while AI is also transforming sectors like finance, with VPBank pioneering intelligent and personalized banking services. Moreover, Vietnam's young and optimistic workforce presents a solution to the global talent shortage, making this a historic opportunity for the country to establish itself as a leader in the AI revolution.

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PUBLICATIONS

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](#)

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Past Events



The poster for 'AI Conversations' features a dark blue background. At the top left is the AI Forum logo. In the center, the title 'AI Conversations' is displayed above the episode title '“Enhancing SME Manufacturing with Industrial Methodology & Technology”'. Below the title, 'MODERATOR' and 'SPEAKER' are listed. On the left, a circular portrait of Mr. Say Vithya Arthur is shown, with his name and title 'Research Fellow, AI Forum Master's in Business Innovation' below it. On the right, a circular portrait of Mr. Voeurn Yong Ann is shown, with his name and title 'Senior Lecturer in Robotics and Automation, CamTech University' below it. A white audio waveform icon is positioned between the two portraits.

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