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Prompt: On June 3, 2025, the National Assembly-Senate Congress resumed to discuss agriculture after approving key topics on social protection systems and the informal economy, with wide participation and live public broadcast.

1. SAP Business AI Delivering Unparalleled Business Value Through Innovation and Partnerships

SAP Business AIផ្តល់តម្លៃខ្ពស់លើអាជីវកម្មតាមរយៈភាពច្នៃប្រឌិត និងភាពជាដៃគូ

Source: [SAP News Center](#)

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SAP is enhancing enterprise AI through SAP Business AI, focusing on innovation, integration, and accessibility. At SAP Sapphire 2025, the company unveiled over 230 AI scenarios, with plans for over 400 by year-end. Joule, SAP's generative AI copilot, operates across SAP and third-party applications. The AI Agent Hub in SAP LeanIX provides governance for expanding agent ecosystems. SAP has partnered with Perplexity and NEURA Robotics and NVIDIA to connect AI with physical automation. The AI Foundation on SAP BTP supports scalable, model-agnostic development.



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Herzig, P. (2025, June 3). SAP Business AI Delivering Unparalleled Business Value Through Innovation and Partnerships. *SAP News Center*.
<https://news.sap.com/2025/06/sap-business-ai-business-value-innovation-partnerships/>

2. As AI evolves, pressure mounts to regulate 'killer robots'

ខណៈពេលដែលបច្ចេកវិទ្យាសិប្បនិម្មិត កំពុងមានការវិវឌ្ឍន៍ ដាក់សម្ពាធនៅលើការគ្រប់គ្រងប្រព័ន្ធអាវុធស្វ័យ

Source: [United Nations](#)

ប្រព័ន្ធអាវុធស្វ័យ



Source: iStoke

The rise of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS), or "killer robots," is causing global concerns over the ethical implications of these systems, particularly in conflicts like Ukraine. The use of drones in warfare raises ethical questions about "digital dehumanization" and the potential for catastrophic errors, particularly in identifying people with disabilities or varying skin tones. Critics argue that autonomous systems remain unreliable and have potential for catastrophic errors. The UN and NGOs are advocating for an international ban on fully autonomous weapons by 2026, with over 120 countries supporting a legal framework to regulate or prohibit these systems. The call is clear: war must remain a human responsibility, and the unchecked rise of autonomous weapons poses a moral and security threat to humanity.

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Lennon, C. (2025, June 1). As AI evolves, pressure mounts to regulate 'killer robots'. *United Nations*.
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1163891>

3. AI revolutionising access to finance បញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិតកំពុងបំប្លែងការធ្វើឥណទាន និងហិរញ្ញវត្ថុ

Source: [Khmer Times](#)



Source: iStoke

Cambodia's financial sector is being significantly transformed by Artificial Intelligence (AI), especially in microfinance and small businesses. By using alternative data like mobile payments or utility usage, financial institutions can assess creditworthiness, expanding access to finance for previously excluded groups. AI also speeds up loan approvals and enhances fraud detection by real-time transaction monitoring. It also improves customer service through chatbots, personalized financial products, and educational tools, making banking more inclusive. Despite challenges like data bias and the "black box" nature of AI decisions, local institutions like Wing Bank and ACLEDA are already integrating AI into their operations.

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4. ASEAN, Chinese media urged to collaborate to combat fake news ប្រព័ន្ធផ្សព្វផ្សាយអាស៊ាននិងចិនត្រូវបានជំរុញឱ្យសហការគ្នាដើម្បីប្រយុទ្ធប្រឆាំងនឹងព័ត៌មានក្លែងក្លាយ

Source: [Khmer Times](#)



Source: iStoke

Cambodia has called for stronger collaboration between ASEAN and Chinese media to combat fake news, particularly in light of the rise of AI technologies. Secretary of State Kem Gunawadh emphasized the need for robust regional mechanisms and ethical frameworks to counter misinformation, which could undermine public trust and social stability. He emphasized Cambodia's commitment through its "Say No to Fake News" campaign and urged the region to adopt shared guidelines for responsible AI use in media. He also encouraged joint investment in media capacity-building for professionals and regulators. Gunawadh praised strong Cambodia-China ties and initiatives like the "Cambodia-China Year of People-to-People Exchanges."

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Ben, S. (2025, May 30). ASEAN, Chinese media urged to collaborate to combat fake news. *Khmer Times*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501692106/asean-chinese-media-urged-to-collaborate-to-combat-fake-news/>

5. AI in Insurance Market Global Opportunity Analysis and Industry Forecast, 2022-2031

បញ្ហាសិប្បនិម្មិតនៅក្នុងលក្ខខណ្ឌទីផ្សារធានារ៉ាប់រង៖ ឱកាសសកល និងការព្យាករណ៍ ឧស្សាហកម្មពីឆ្នាំ 2022 ដល់ឆ្នាំ 2031"

Source: [Newstrail](#)

The global AI in insurance market, valued at \$2.74 billion in 2021, is expected to reach \$45.74 billion by 2031, growing at a 32.5% CAGR from 2022 to 2031. This growth is driven by increased investment in AI and machine learning technologies, collaborations with AI solution providers, and demand for personalized insurance services. However, challenges like high deployment costs and skilled professionals persist. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digital transformation, leading to increased adoption of cloud-based services, SaaS solutions, and AI-powered tools for fraud detection and claims processing. Major players include IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, SAP, and Salesforce.



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Allied Market Research. (2025, June 3). AI in Insurance Market Global Opportunity Analysis and Industry Forecast, 2022-2031. [Newstrail. https://www.newstrail.com/ai-in-insurance-market/](https://www.newstrail.com/ai-in-insurance-market/)

6. Asean urged to balance AI innovation with human values
អាស៊ានជំរុញឱ្យមានតុល្យភាពលើការច្នៃប្រឌិត បញ្ហាសិប្បនិម្មិត ជាមួយគុណតម្លៃរបស់ មនុស្ស

Source: [Free Malaysia Today](#)

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Reference:
Tung, T. C. (2025, June 4). Asean urged to balance AI innovation with human values. [Free Malaysia Today. https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2025/06/04/asean-urged-to-balance-ai-innovation-with-human-values](https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2025/06/04/asean-urged-to-balance-ai-innovation-with-human-values)

At the 2025 Fortune ASEAN-GCC Economic Forum, ASEAN countries were urged to balance the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) with the protection of human rights and values. Malaysia, the current ASEAN chair, leads AI integration across defense, cybersecurity, and small business digitalization, with investments totaling over RM1 billion. Concerns have emerged over the ethical and security implications of AI, particularly in sensitive areas like the South China Sea. Analysts caution against unchecked military uses of AI, especially in sensitive areas like the South China Sea. AI is also fueling an increase in cybercrime, with a 2023 UN report estimating \$37 billion in losses in East and Southeast Asia. ASEAN's Community Vision 2045 recognizes AI as a development priority, with Malaysia leading the formation of an ASEAN AI safety network to institutionalize ethical AI principles.

7. Malaysia gears up to host ASEAN AI Summit, SE Asia’s inaugural Smart City Expo

ប្រទេសម៉ាឡេស៊ី ត្រៀមខ្លួនធ្វើជាម្ចាស់ផ្ទះនៃកិច្ចប្រជុំកំពូលអាស៊ានលើបញ្ហាសប្បុរសធម៌
Source: [theSun](#)

Malaysia is set to host the ASEAN Summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Southeast Asia's first Smart City Expo, highlighting the region's growing commitment to AI for future urban development. The events, set against Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship, aim to foster AI-driven solutions for sustainable, connected, and inclusive urban environments. Malaysia's push for the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement, aiming to unlock US\$2 trillion by 2030, further emphasizes AI's pivotal role in digital transformation and regional integration. AI is not just a tool but a strategic pillar in reshaping ASEAN's urban and economic future.



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“AI in Cybersecurity: Enhancing Threat Detection and Response”

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**AI Insights No. 19
(2025) | Sunyata and
Epistemic Humility in
AI Design**

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:
Chhem, K. R. (2025, May 17). *Sunyata and Epistemic Humility in AI Design*. AI Forum.
<https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/publications/ai-insights-no-19-2025-sunyata-and-epistemic-humility-in-ai-design/>

This paper explores the Mahayana Buddhist concept of sunyata—emptiness—as a foundation for cultivating epistemic humility in the design of artificial intelligence (AI) systems. Rather than denoting nihilism, sunyata refers to the absence of intrinsic, independent existence in all phenomena, emphasizing interdependence, context, and impermanence. Applying this lens to AI challenges the essentialist and overly deterministic assumptions embedded in algorithmic models, especially those relying on fixed labels and static datasets. The author argues for a reorientation of AI design grounded in humility, adaptability, and ethical awareness. Practical implications include treating AI models as contingent tools, incorporating diverse perspectives, ensuring context-sensitive deployment, and retaining human involvement in moral decisions. Ultimately, a sunyata-inspired approach to AI promotes systems that support—not replace—human wisdom, encouraging designs that are open, reflective, and responsive to the complexity of lived experience.

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This essay proposes that Siddhartha Gautama, the historical Buddha, can be seen as a proto-neuroscientist and early theorist of artificial intelligence. Through systematic introspection, ethical discipline, and meditative practices, the Buddha developed a sophisticated cognitive framework that parallels modern discoveries in neuroscience, psychology, and AI. His teachings on dependent origination resemble feedback and predictive coding models, while practices like mindfulness and compassion align with contemporary understandings of neuroplasticity and affective regulation. The Buddha's logic, especially the tetralemma (catuṣkoṭi), anticipates non-binary reasoning useful in complex AI systems. Moreover, Buddhist epistemology and the integration of ethics into cognition offer a compelling model for AI design—one where ethical awareness is foundational rather than peripheral. Ultimately, the essay argues for the relevance of Buddhist insights in developing humane, adaptive, and ethically grounded AI, with the Buddha's vision of compassionate wisdom serving as a vital guide for the future of intelligent systems.

AI Insights No. 20 (2025) | Buddha: Proto-Neuroscientist and Forerunner of AI Thought

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Chhem, K. R. (2025, May 17). *Buddha: Proto-Neuroscientist and Forerunner of AI Thought*. AI Forum.
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**AI Insights No. 21 (2025) |
Anattā and the Myth of
AI Autonomy: Towards a
Processual and
Relational Ethic for
Artificial Intelligence**

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Cheab, S., & Chhem, K. R. (2025, May 17). *Anattā and the Myth of AI Autonomy: Towards a Processual and Relational Ethic for Artificial Intelligence*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/publications/ai-insights-no-21-2025-anatta-and-the-myth-of-ai-autonomy-towards-a-processual-and-relational-ethic-for-artificial-intelligence/>

This chapter interrogates the prevalent notion of AI autonomy through the lens of Theravāda Buddhist philosophy, particularly the doctrine of anattā (non-self) and the analytical framework of the pañcakkhandhā (five aggregates). It critiques the anthropomorphic portrayal of AI as independent, self-sustaining agents, arguing instead that both human beings and artificial systems are best understood as conditioned, processual constructs. By deconstructing the illusion of AI autonomy, the chapter exposes the ethical dangers of misattributed agency, including the deflection of human accountability and the fostering of misplaced trust. It advocates for a more philosophically coherent and ethically responsible approach to AI development, grounded in transparency, explicit responsibility, epistemic humility, and relational ethics. The Theravāda perspective, with its emphasis on cognitive interdependence and ethical intentionality, offers a powerful corrective to dominant technological narratives and complements broader Buddhist contributions to the field of AI ethics.

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This chapter explores how the Buddhist principle of pratyasamutpada (dependent origination) can enrich explainable AI (XAI) by offering a systems-based, relational understanding of causality. Challenging linear and reductionist models, it argues for a paradigm of situated explainability rooted in interdependence, contextuality, and moral awareness. Drawing parallels between Buddhist logic and systems thinking, the chapter advocates for viewing AI not as autonomous or intrinsically intelligent, but as emergent from networks of design choices, data structures, institutional practices, and sociohistorical conditions. Incorporating insights from Nagarjuna's Madhyamaka philosophy, it critiques essentialist assumptions in AI and proposes a flexible, pluralistic approach to explanation. Ultimately, a Buddhist-informed XAI framework fosters transparency, epistemic humility, and inclusive design—enabling AI systems to be not only technically accountable but also ethically and culturally responsive.

AI Insights No. 22 (2025) | Dependent Origination and Systems Thinking: A Buddhist Logic for Explainable AI

Source: [AI Forum](#)

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This paper, *From Human Beings to Human Inter-Beings: Rethinking AI Through Relational Ontology*, challenges the dominant Cartesian paradigm of artificial intelligence grounded in individual cognition ("I think, therefore I am"). Drawing from Buddhist and Confucian philosophies, the authors propose an alternative ontological foundation: "We behave, therefore we are." This perspective emphasizes relationality, interdependence, and ethical behavior as central to both human and artificial intelligence. The paper critiques the limitations of autonomy-focused AI design and proposes a shift toward relational AI grounded in co-responsibility, compassion, justice, and co-evolution with communities. Through the metaphor of the Middle Way, it calls for AI systems that harmonize with social and ecological ecosystems, advocating a move beyond optimization toward relational well-being. Ultimately, the authors argue that the future of AI must be shaped not only by technical innovation but by a deeper philosophical commitment to cultivating inter-being in both humans and machines.

AIF Insights No. 23 (2025) | From Human Beings to Human Inter-Beings: Rethinking AI Through Relational Ontology

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Song, S. & Chhem, K. R. (2025, May 24). *From Human Beings to Human Inter-Beings: Rethinking AI Through Relational Ontology*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/publications/aif-insights-no-23-2025-from-human-beings-to-human-inter-beings-rethinking-ai-through-relational-ontology/>

AIF Insights No. 24 (2025) | AI Cannot Teach What It Does Not Possess: Intelligence or Wisdom

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Chhem, K. R. (2025, June 2). *AI Cannot Teach What It Does Not Possess: Intelligence or Wisdom*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/publications/aif-insights-no-24-2025-ai-cannot-teach-what-it-does-not-possess-intelligence-or-wisdom/>

This article critically examines the growing integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, arguing that AI fundamentally lacks the intelligence and wisdom necessary for meaningful teaching. While AI tools offer administrative efficiencies and personalization, they cannot replicate the moral judgment, emotional presence, or relational depth essential to human learning. The author asserts that education must remain grounded in human leadership, dedicated teachers, and supportive communities—elements that nurture students intellectually, ethically, and emotionally. By challenging the techno-optimism surrounding AI in education, the article calls for a reinvestment in human-centered pedagogy and AI literacy, urging stakeholders to treat education not as a technical problem, but as a moral and cultural endeavor shaped by wise and compassionate humans.

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