

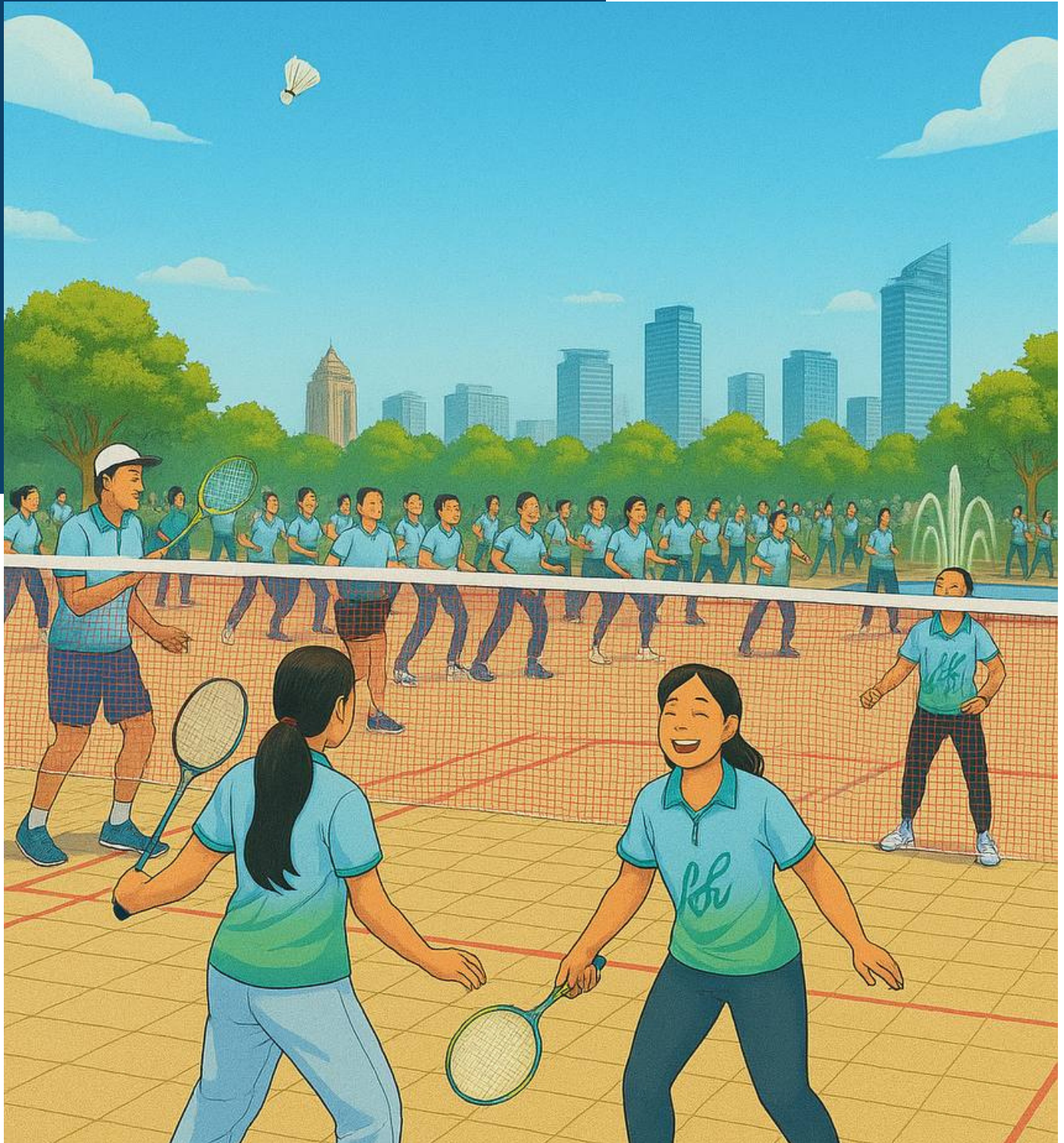
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Prompt: On the morning of August 20, Cambodia held Fit ASEAN Day 2025 at the Princess Statue in Branha Baromey Park, Phnom Penh, with the theme 'Healthy Community, Developing Community.'

Photo Credit: ChatGPT

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1. Cambodian Youth Find Solace in AI for Mental Health Amidst Rising Crisis

យុវជនកម្ពុជាកំពុងប្រើប្រាស់ឧបករណ៍ AI ដើម្បីជួយព្យាបាលសុខភាពផ្លូវចិត្តដោះស្រាយភាពតានតឹង និងបញ្ហាផ្លូវអារម្មណ៍។

Source: [Kiripost](#)

Amid Cambodia's worsening mental health crisis—ranked the unhappiest in Southeast Asia and with reported cases surging nearly 200% in 2024—youth are increasingly turning to AI chatbots like ChatGPT for emotional support. Affordable and non-judgmental, these tools provide an alternative to costly therapy, fostering a sense of safety and confidentiality. Students cite academic pressure, family tensions, and social stigma as reasons for avoiding human counselors. However, experts warn AI cannot diagnose or handle complex cases like abuse and stress that require professional intervention. Despite limitations, AI's accessibility and adaptability make it a significant coping tool, highlighting its growing relevance in addressing mental health gaps in Cambodia.



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Rin, S. & Tong, C. (2025, August 19). Cambodian Youth Find Solace in AI for Mental Health Amidst Rising Crisis. *Kiripost*.

<https://kiripost.com/stories/cambodian-youth-find-solace-in-ai-for-mental-health-amidst-rising-crisis>

2. MIT report: 95% of generative AI pilots at companies are failing

របាយការណ៍ MIT បញ្ជាក់ថា ៩៥% នៃគម្រោងប្រើប្រាស់ Generative AI ក្នុងសហគ្រាសកំពុងបរាជ័យ

Source: [Yahoo!finance](#)



Source: iStoke

The State of AI in Business 2025 report by MIT reveals that 95% of generative AI pilots in enterprises fail to deliver significant business impact due to poor integration and organizational learning gaps. Startups succeed by targeting pain points and leveraging partnerships, while companies misuse resources by investing heavily in sales tools instead of high-ROI areas like back-office automation. Success correlates strongly with purchasing specialized AI solutions (67% success rate) versus building in-house (33%). Workforce disruption and governance challenges are emerging, with advanced firms testing autonomous agentic AI systems.

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Estrada, S. (2025, August 18). MIT report: 95% of generative AI pilots at companies are failing. *Yahoo!finance*.
<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/mit-report-95-generative-ai-105412686.html>

3. Johns Hopkins team develops a more reliable AI for early cancer detection

ក្រុមការងារ Johns Hopkins បានបង្កើនទំនុកចិត្តនៃការប្រើប្រាស់ AI ដែលអាចរកឃើញជំងឺមហារីកបានឆាប់ជាងមុន

Source: [News-Medical.Net](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Johns Hopkins Medicine. (2025, August 19). Johns Hopkins team develops a more reliable AI for early cancer detection. *News-Medical.Net*. <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20250819/Johns-Hopkins-team-develops-a-more-reliable-AI-for-early-cancer-detection.aspx>

Johns Hopkins has developed an AI framework called MIGHT (Multidimensional Informed Generalized Hypothesis Testing) to improve the reliability and accuracy of AI in clinical decision-making, particularly for early cancer detection. MIGHT fine-tunes itself using real-world datasets, runs checks across thousands of decision trees, and measures uncertainty to ensure reproducibility. In liquid biopsy tests, it achieved 72% sensitivity at 98% specificity, striking a balance between detecting cancer and avoiding false positives. The companion algorithm, CoMIGHT, enhances detection by combining multiple biological signals, showing promise in early-stage breast and pancreatic cancers. MIGHT's approach could be applied to any data-intensive field requiring trust and reproducibility, from medicine to astronomy.

4. Asan Medical Center develops AI for real-time conference translation

មជ្ឈមណ្ឌលវេជ្ជសាស្ត្រ Asan បានបង្កើត AI ដែលអាចបកប្រែការប្រជុំបានភ្លាមៗ

Source: [Healthcare Asia Magazine](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Healthcare Asia Magazine. (2025, August 20). Asan Medical Center develops AI for real-time conference translation. <https://healthcareasiamagazine.com/healthcare/news/asan-medical-center-develops-ai-real-time-conference-translation>

Asan Medical Center has introduced an AI-powered real-time translation system for international conferences, focusing on domain-specific terminology in fields like medicine and law. The system processes spoken data and generates complete sentence translations within one to three seconds, improving multilingual communication accuracy. The research team has filed patents for the system, speech recognition, translation data processing devices, and multimodal domain-specific translation systems. This development highlights the growing role of AI in enhancing cross-border knowledge exchange and collaboration in specialized fields.

5. Chamrun Digital CEO Showcases Govt AI Solutions at ASEAN Summit

អគ្គនាយករបស់ Chamrun Digital បានបង្ហាញដំណោះស្រាយ AI សម្រាប់ រដ្ឋាភិបាល នៅកិច្ចប្រជុំកំពូលអាស៊ាន

Source: [SME Magazine Asia](#)

At the ASEAN AI Malaysia Summit 2025, Chamrun Digital showcased how Agentic AI is transforming Malaysia's public sector, making government services more efficient, data-driven, and citizen-focused. CEO Dr. Behrang Parhizkar presented 22 AI projects, including a centralized AI-powered crop intelligence system for supply-demand planning, AI assistants for tourism engagement, and welfare solutions for early warning signs for citizen support. Collaborations with government agencies and global tech firms like Google, Microsoft, and AWS position AI as a practical tool for governance reform, ensuring transparency, ethical adoption, and nationwide scalability.



Source: iStoke

Reference:
SME Magazine Asia. (2025, August 20). *Chamrun Digital CEO Showcases Govt AI Solutions at ASEAN Summit*. <https://sme.asia/chamrun-digital-ceo-showcases-govt-ai-solutions-at-asean-summit/>

6. Military and AI investments to undergird Pa. economy, says state's Republican Congressional delegation

សមាជិកសភាគណបក្សសាធារណរដ្ឋនៅរដ្ឋ Pennsylvania បាននិយាយថា សេដ្ឋកិច្ចរដ្ឋនឹងរីកចម្រើន ប្រសិនបើមានការវិនិយោគច្រើនក្នុងវិស័យយោធា និងបញ្ញា សិប្បនិម្មិត (AI)

Source: [LancasterOnline](#)

Pennsylvania's Republican Congressional delegation is promoting military expansion and AI innovation as key drivers of the state's economic growth. They believe that new federal defense spending, including through President Trump's fiscal "Big Beautiful Bill," could create jobs and contracts for Pennsylvania's defense supply chain. They also emphasize the importance of energy support for AI rollout, tying it to Pennsylvania's natural gas reserves. They argue that the US must win the AI race with China to position Pennsylvania as a hub for military manufacturing, AI investment, and energy production.



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Wilkie, J. (2025, August 20). Military and AI investments to undergird Pa. economy, says state's Republican Congressional delegation. *LancasterOnline*. https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/military-and-ai-investments-to-undergird-pa-economy-says-state-s-republican-congressional-delegation/article_f13aa8d9-e18d-4368-aeca-48219ab290bf.html

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

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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 explores Cambodia's evolving approach to integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its education system, examining key policies, opportunities, challenges, and future directions. As the country pursues education reform under the Pentagonal Strategy, AI is viewed as a potential tool to improve equity, quality, and efficiency. The paper outlines national and international collaborations, including Cambodia's work with UNESCO to promote ethical and inclusive AI use in classrooms. It highlights the benefits of AI such as personalized learning, teacher support, and expanded access for rural students, while also addressing serious concerns around infrastructure, digital literacy, and policy gaps. The authors argue that for AI to meaningfully transform education in Cambodia, a national framework must be established, supported by teacher training, infrastructure investment, and locally tailored AI solutions. The piece concludes with policy recommendations centered on equity, governance, and international collaboration, positioning AI as a strategic enabler for inclusive and future-ready education.

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.

**AIF Insights No. 25
(2025) | Charting
Cambodia's AI-
Driven Education
Future: Policies,
Readiness, and
Reform**

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Kheang, K., Pong, P. & Tann, T. (2025, July 1). *Charting Cambodia's AI-Driven Education Future: Policies, Readiness, and Reform*. AI Forum.

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This article examines the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on international law, focusing on the legal, ethical, and governance challenges it presents. AI technologies, which often operate autonomously and beyond traditional state control, are straining existing legal frameworks built around state-centric responsibility and territorial sovereignty. The paper explores key legal dilemmas such as attribution of responsibility, dual-use risks, and regulatory gaps in both global and regional contexts. It highlights contrasting approaches, such as the European Union's comprehensive legal model versus the limited capacity of many developing countries to regulate AI effectively. The discussion also considers proposals for global governance mechanisms, including treaty-based compute caps and soft law instruments aimed at fostering transparency and accountability. The authors argue for a multi-layered, participatory governance model that balances innovation with ethical oversight and includes voices from the Global South. This approach is critical to ensuring AI's global deployment respects international law, human rights, and long-term security.

AIF Insights No. 26 (2025) | Artificial Intelligence and the Future of International Law: Challenges and Pathways Forward

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AIF Insights No. 27 (2025) | Generosity and Its Limits: Reflections from Buddha, Nietzsche, and the AI Machine

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Cheab, S. & Chhem, K. R. (2025, July 3). *Generosity and Its Limits: Reflections from Buddha, Nietzsche, and the AI Machine*. AI Forum.
<https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/publications/aif-insights-no-27-2025-generosity-and-its-limits-reflections-from-buddha-nietzsche-and-the-ai-machine/>

This reflection explores the nature and limits of generosity through three lenses: Nietzsche's emotionally burdened giver, Theravāda Buddhism's selfless Arahant, and the emotionally neutral assistance offered by artificial intelligence (AI). Nietzsche shows how giving tied to ego and recognition can lead to suffering. Buddhism offers a path to pure giving—free from attachment, desire, or expectation. AI, while capable of relentless service, lacks emotion and raises ethical concerns around bias and trust. Using Cambodia's health education reform as a practical case, the article asks whether we can cultivate generosity that is rooted in clarity rather than craving. It concludes that true generosity arises not from what we give, but from why we give—an intention that must be guided by awareness, compassion, and ethical self-reflection.

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The article explores the dual nature of artificial intelligence (AI) as both a vehicle of epistemic imperialism and a tool for epistemic emancipation. While AI systems, especially large language models, are predominantly shaped by Western intellectual traditions, reinforcing epistemic hierarchies and perpetuating data colonialism, they also offer significant opportunities for amplifying marginalized voices and recontextualizing non-Western knowledge systems. The paper highlights the challenges posed by epistemic imperialism, where AI technologies predominantly reflect Western ideologies and ethical frameworks, often sidelining other cultural and intellectual traditions. At the same time, it underscores AI's potential for epistemic emancipation, enabling scholars from the Global South and non-Western cultures to engage more fully in global conversations. The article advocates for a critical, inclusive approach to AI development that integrates diverse epistemologies, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary design, philosophical inquiry, and pluralistic governance frameworks. It calls for the inclusion of alternative ethical perspectives, such as Buddhist ethics and African Ubuntu, in the development of AI systems to foster a more equitable and culturally inclusive digital future.

AIF Insights No. 28 (2025) | AI as Both a Vehicle of Epistemic Imperialism and a Tool of Epistemic Emancipation

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Chhem, K. R. (2025, July 22). *AI as Both a Vehicle of Epistemic Imperialism and a Tool of Epistemic Emancipation*. AI Forum.
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