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Prompt: On October 23, 1991, the Paris Peace Accords formally known as the Agreements on a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict were signed, officially ending the Cambodian–Vietnamese War

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1. ASEAN is already economically divided. AI will make it worse

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Source: [Asia News Network](#)

AI is transforming ASEAN economies but deepening divides. Advanced nations like Singapore lead in AI investment and talent, while others lag, risking greater inequality. Without strong cooperation and reskilling, AI could widen economic gaps and weaken regional cohesion. ASEAN's new Responsible AI Roadmap (2025–2030) aims to ensure balanced, inclusive adoption across member states.



Source: iStoke

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2. AI Apps Let Teachers and Students Shine

កម្មវិធីបញ្ហាសិប្បនិម្មិត AI នឹងជួយដល់លោកគ្រូ-អ្នកគ្រូ និងសិស្សានុសិស្សបានប្រសើរជាងមុន

Source: [Cambodianess](#)



Source: iStoke

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Cambodia is embracing AI in education through the EdTech App and Primary Learning Program (PLP) to modernize teaching and learning. These AI tools help teachers with lesson planning, grading, and tracking student progress, while giving students access to adaptive, data-driven learning.

Experts highlight that AI can make education more effective but stress gradual adoption for younger students and the need to ensure access to digital tools, especially in rural areas. The initiative marks a key step in Cambodia's push to build stronger human resources through digital and AI transformation in education.

3. AI video of S.Koreans in Cambodia scam centre misleads online

វីដេអូបង្កើតដោយបញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិត AI របស់ជនជាតិកូរ៉េខាងត្បូងនៅកម្ពុជាបានល្អចំណាត់ការផ្សព្វផ្សាយព័ត៌មានមិនត្រឹមត្រូវលើប្រព័ន្ធអ៊ីនធឺណិត

Source: [Yahoo! News](#)



Source: iStoke

An AI-generated video falsely depicting South Koreans kidnapped in Cambodian scam centres went viral online, misleading viewers. The video's creator admitted it was made with AI to "raise awareness," not deceive, but experts flagged distorted visuals typical of AI content. The incident highlights growing concerns over AI-generated misinformation, especially amid real reports of South Koreans being trafficked in Cambodia, emphasizing the need for stronger AI ethics and media literacy to prevent public confusion.

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4. Regional ICT Centre Launches First Offline "Train the Trainer" Programme to Boost AI Education in Cambodia and Laos

មជ្ឈមណ្ឌល ICT ថ្នាក់តំបន់ បានដាក់ឱ្យដំណើរការកម្មវិធី "បណ្តុះបណ្តាលគ្រូបង្រៀន" ក្រៅបណ្តាញជាលើកដំបូង ដើម្បីជំរុញការអប់រំបញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិត (AI) នៅកម្ពុជា និងឡាវ

Source: [Khmer Times](#)



Source: iStoke

The Regional ICT Centre launched its first offline "Train the Trainer" (TTT) programme at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia to enhance AI education in Cambodia and Laos. Over 30 educators received hands-on training in AI, machine learning, and data analytics to integrate into university curricula. The initiative supports the Cambodia Digital Economy and Society Policy 2021-2035, aiming to build a sustainable AI talent ecosystem and strengthen regional digital cooperation.

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5. India to crack down on deepfakes, new rule may force companies to label AI-generated content

ប្រទេសឥណ្ឌានឹងបង្ក្រាបការកែច្នៃបង្កើតមុខងារ (deepfakes) ច្បាប់ថ្មីនេះអាចនឹងបង្ខំឱ្យក្រុមហ៊ុនដាក់ស្លាកបញ្ជាក់ថា ឈ្មោះនោះបង្កើតដោយបញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិត (AI)

Source: [India Today](#)

India plans to introduce new rules requiring AI firms and social media platforms to label AI-generated content, including deepfakes, to curb misinformation and election manipulation. The regulation, part of updated IT Rules, seeks to increase transparency and protect digital trust amid growing misuse of generative AI. India joins global efforts like those in the US and EU to ensure accountability and prevent AI-driven deception while balancing innovation and regulation.

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6. Hong Kong retains GBA lead in finance, trade and tourism as AI reshapes regional industries

ហុងកុងនៅតែរក្សាបាននូវការនាំមុខគេរបស់ GBA ក្នុងវិស័យហិរញ្ញវត្ថុ ពាណិជ្ជកម្ម និងទេសចរណ៍ ខណៈដែលបញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិត (AI) កំពុងផ្លាស់ប្តូរវិស័យឧស្សាហកម្មក្នុងតំបន់នេះ

Source: [The Macao News](#)



Hong Kong remains the Greater Bay Area (GBA) leader in finance, trade, and tourism, while AI is reshaping regional industries. According to the 2025 GBA Industry Development Index, over 94% of enterprises now use AI to reduce costs, improve efficiency, and generate new income. AI is described as a core driver of industrial upgrades, though challenges persist in data security, staff skills, and platform access. The report highlights Hong Kong's key role in supporting GBA firms' global expansion through AI-driven innovation and collaboration.

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Staff Reporter. (2025, October 23). Hong Kong retains GBA lead in finance, trade and tourism as AI reshapes regional industries. *The Macao News*. <https://macaonews.org/news/greater-bay-area/gba-industry-development-index-hong-kong/>

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AIF Insights No. 29 (2025) | From Sandboxes to Systems: Governing AI-Driven Digital Health Platforms for UHC in Cambodia

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Engelking, E. J. (2025, September 12). *From Sandboxes to Systems: Governing AI-Driven Digital Health Platforms for UHC in Cambodia*. AI Forum. <https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/?publication=aif-insights-no-29-2025-from-sandboxes-to-systems-governing-ai-driven-digital-health-platforms-for-uhc-in-cambodia>

Cambodia's aspiration to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is inseparable from the country's ongoing digital health transformation. As Digital Health Platforms (DHPs) begin to connect patients, providers and payors, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is emerging as a driver of both efficiency and innovation by streamlining administrative processes, strengthening diagnostics and enabling new forms of patient engagement. Yet technology alone cannot deliver on UHC. The decisive factors will be governance and ethics: whether Cambodia can create regulatory and ethical spaces that allow innovation to thrive while protecting trust, data and equity. Practical solutions such as regulatory sandboxes, soft-law frameworks and virtue-based ethical approaches provide a pathway for balancing experimentation with accountability. Building alliances between the regulators (Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Post and Telecoms amongst others), private health service providers and technology developers will be essential. This article argues that Cambodia's next step is to align governance and ethics with implementation and issues a call to action for stakeholders to join ongoing activities and forums, such as the EuroCham Healthcare Forum 2025, to initiate collaborative regulatory sandboxes and long-term partnerships for digital health.

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This article explores the geopolitics of mobile phone applications as platforms that shape digital sovereignty and global power. With billions of internet users and mobile subscriptions worldwide, mobile ecosystems such as Apple's iOS and Google's Android dominate global markets, while Chinese alternatives like Huawei's HarmonyOS, WeChat, and TikTok face restrictions due to political tensions and security concerns. These platforms extend beyond technology, functioning as tools of economic leverage, surveillance, and cross-border influence. The rivalry between Western and Chinese systems raises questions about data ownership, trust, and control of critical infrastructures. For developing nations, the competition creates both dependency and vulnerability, as they remain primarily consumers of foreign technologies. To avoid deepening the digital divide, emerging economies must strengthen infrastructure, promote digital literacy, and build regional and local capacity. The article argues that mobile applications sit at the core of digital geopolitics and will shape the future balance of technological power.

AIF Insights No. 30 (2025) | The Geopolitics of Mobile App Ecosystems: Power, Platforms, and Policy

Source: [AI Forum](#)

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Ros, S. & Chhem, S. (2025, September 13). *The Geopolitics of Mobile App Ecosystems: Power, Platforms, and Policy*. AI Forum.
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AIF Insights No. 31 (2025) | Embracing the Transformative Power of AI

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming healthcare, transportation, and communication. This article traces the evolution and categorization of AI, while exploring ethical concerns such as bias and privacy. Emphasizing AI literacy and cross-sector collaboration, we argue for a responsible and inclusive approach to AI development that protects human values and enhances societal well-being.

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This paper examines the integration of Generative AI (GenAI) into Cambodia's education system and its impact on the teaching profession. While GenAI tools provide benefits such as personalized learning, real-time feedback, and student engagement, they also raise cultural, ethical, and technical challenges. GenAI cannot replicate human capacities for moral guidance, empathy, or cultural interpretation, and its Western-trained models risk misrepresenting Cambodian values and histories. The paper argues that educators remain essential as mentors, ethical advisors, and cultural interpreters, guiding students to critically engage with AI-generated content. Policy recommendations stress the need for teacher preparation in AI ethics, investment in Khmer-centric datasets, and a human-centered, culturally grounded strategy to ensure that GenAI strengthens rather than undermines education in Cambodia.

**AIF Insights No. 32
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**AIF Insights No. 33
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Artificial intelligence (AI) increasingly challenges the state-centric foundations of international law and the conventional notion of sovereignty. Unlike traditional governance anchored in territorial authority, AI systems function transnationally, drawing on global datasets and shaped by multinational corporations and supranational institutions. This paper adopts legal pluralism as a conceptual framework to examine the fragmented and overlapping legal regimes that govern AI, encompassing national laws, international treaties, corporate standards, and ethical principles. It highlights how regional regulatory divergences—exemplified by the European Union’s rights-based model and the innovation-driven approaches of the United States and China—create normative conflicts and compliance challenges for global actors. While such fragmentation is often interpreted as a governance deficit, this paper argues that it can be re-conceptualized as polycentric governance, where multiple centers of authority coexist and interact without requiring a single locus of control. The analysis concludes that developing interoperable legal orders is essential for reconciling national autonomy with the need for transnational cooperation. Legal pluralism provides a pathway toward inclusive, adaptive, and ethically grounded AI regulation that balances sovereignty with global accountability.

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**AIF Insights No. 34
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Fusion of
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This paper explores the intersection of David Hume's empiricism and Nāgārjuna's Madhyamaka philosophy as a framework for rethinking artificial intelligence. Hume's bundle theory of the self and Nāgārjuna's doctrine of emptiness both reject the notion of intrinsic identity, portraying persons and phenomena as dynamic processes rather than enduring substances. Recent scholarship suggests Hume may have encountered Buddhist ideas through Jesuit intellectual networks linking Asia and Europe, illustrating how cross-cultural dialogue shaped early modern philosophy. Read together, these perspectives illuminate the nonessential nature of AI systems. AI is not a metaphysical "machine mind" but a contingent constellation of algorithms, data, hardware, and social contexts. This process view emphasizes relational ethics, situating responsibility in human networks of design and governance, and encourages design humility by resisting myths of autonomous superintelligence. By adopting a fusion philosophy that draws on both Western empiricism and Buddhist metaphysics, we can approach AI as an interdependent, impermanent phenomenon, fostering more responsible and globally informed governance in the digital age.

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**AIF Insights No. 35
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A Buddhist Journey
through Being,
Knowing, and Acting
in AI**

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From Medicine to Meaning: A Buddhist Journey through Being, Knowing, and Acting in AI explores how Buddhist philosophy reframes the discourse on artificial intelligence through an ontology of interdependence, an epistemology of the Middle Way, and an ethics of compassion. Moving beyond Western notions of autonomy and binary logic, the essay situates AI within a relational framework grounded in dependent origination (paṭiccasamuppāda) and non-self (anattā). It argues that intelligence should be understood not as independent agency but as a process arising from interconnected causes and conditions. Drawing on the Four Brahmavihāras—loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, and equanimity—the paper proposes a model of “compassionate design” where moral intention replaces mechanical compliance. The author’s intellectual evolution from medicine to education and history mirrors a shift from empirical control to contemplative wisdom. Ultimately, the essay contends that the true innovation in AI lies not in computation but in consciousness—inviting humanity to design intelligent systems guided by mindfulness, wisdom, and compassion.

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