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Prompt: Celebrating World Intellectual Property Day and the launch of four new Cambodian Geographical Indications: Phnom Srok Golden Silk, Koh Kong Mud Crab, Oddar Meanchey Mango, and Kampong Thom Cashew Nut — promoting local identity and sustainable agrifood development in Cambodia.

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1. ASEAN journalists urged to blend AI power with human values

អ្នកសារព័ត៌មានអាស៊ាន ត្រូវបានលើកទឹកចិត្តឱ្យប្រើប្រាស់ AI ឱ្យអស់លទ្ធភាព ប៉ុន្តែ ត្រូវរក្សាសីលធម៌ និងគុណតម្លៃរបស់មនុស្ស

Source: [Vietnam Plus](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Vietnam Plus. (2026, April 28). *ASEAN journalists urged to blend AI power with human values*.
<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/asean-journalists-urged-to-blend-ai-power-with-human-values-post341861.vnp>

The article discusses the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on journalism, enhancing efficiency, data analysis, and audience engagement while enabling multi-platform content distribution. It also expresses concerns about AI's potential misuse, such as generating misleading content that jeopardizes information authenticity and public trust. Although AI's integration into newsrooms is seen as inevitable, it is emphasized that human judgment, ethics, and accountability must remain fundamental to uphold quality journalism.

2. Cambodia partners with China Nanning University to advance AI and drone technology training

ប្រទេសកម្ពុជាបានសហការជាមួយសាកលវិទ្យាល័យណាននីង នៃប្រទេសចិន ដើម្បី ជំរុញការបណ្តុះបណ្តាលលើផ្នែកបច្ចេកវិទ្យាបញ្ញាសិប្បនិម្មិត (AI) និងបច្ចេកវិទ្យាជ្រួន

Source: [Khmer Times](#)

The article describes a strategic partnership between Cambodia's Ministry of Interior and Nanning Vocational and Technical University to advance artificial intelligence (AI) and drone technology training. The collaboration focuses on joint AI training programs, technology transfer, and human resource development to enhance digital and operational capabilities. It also emphasizes strengthening institutional ties for long-term knowledge exchange, with AI positioned as a key component in Cambodia's broader digital transformation and modernization of administrative and security systems.

Reference:

Khmer Times. (2026, April 28). *Cambodia partners with China Nanning University to advance AI and drone technology training*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501887563/cambodia-partners-with-china-nanning-university-to-advance-ai-and-drone-technology-training/>



Source: iStoke

3. Shanghai Pulls AI Startup, Chinese Technology Used by Mexican Factory

ទីក្រុងសៀងហៃជំរុញក្រុមហ៊ុន AI ថ្មីៗ ខណៈបច្ចេកវិទ្យាចិនកំពុងត្រូវបានប្រើប្រាស់ ក្នុងរោងចក្រនៅប្រទេសម៉ិកស៊ិក។

Source: [VOI](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

VOI. (2026, April 29). *Shanghai Pulls AI Startup, Chinese Technology Used by Mexican Factory*.
<https://voi.id/en/news/573136>

The article explains that Shanghai is strengthening its role as a hub for AI innovation by attracting startups through supportive policies, talent, and computing capacity. An example is Black Lake Technologies, which develops industry-level AI systems used in a factory in Puebla, Mexico to significantly improve production efficiency. The company is expanding globally with AI-driven smart manufacturing solutions, while Shanghai fosters such growth through innovation clusters like Silicon Alley and a favorable environment for AI entrepreneurs and developers.

4. Singapore's Home Team Science and Technology Agency and Mistral AI partner to advance AI for public safety

ភ្នាក់ងារវិទ្យាសាស្ត្រ និងបច្ចេកវិទ្យានៃក្រសួងមហាផ្ទៃសិង្ហបុរី (HTX) និងក្រុមហ៊ុន Mistral AI បានសហការគ្នា ដើម្បីអភិវឌ្ឍបច្ចេកវិទ្យា AI ក្នុងគោលបំណងបង្កើន សុវត្ថិភាពសាធារណៈឱ្យកាន់តែល្អប្រសើរ

Source: [Digwatch](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Digwatch. (2026, April 29). *Singapore's Home Team Science and Technology Agency and Mistral AI partner to advance AI for public safety*.
<https://dig.watch/updates/mistral-ai-htx-public-safety-partnership>

Singapore's Home Team Science and Technology Agency (HTX) and Mistral AI have formed a strategic partnership to advance AI applications for public safety, focusing on robotics, video analysis, and digital defence. The collaboration includes integrating AI into robotic systems, applying temporal modelling to convert video data into actionable intelligence, and using agentic AI workflows to strengthen digital security. Mistral AI will also provide infrastructure for high-performance inference, fine-tuning, and secure application development. The partnership builds on earlier joint efforts such as the Phoenix family of AI models and AI safety benchmarks, with the latest model, Phoenix-VL 1.5 Medium, introduced as part of ongoing development.

5. AI in advertising risks fuelling information crisis, UN warns

អង្គការសហប្រជាជាតិ (UN) ព្រមានថា ការប្រើប្រាស់បច្ចេកវិទ្យា AI ក្នុងវិស័យផ្សព្វផ្សាយពាណិជ្ជកម្ម កំពុងប្រឈមនឹងការបង្កឱ្យមាន 'វិបត្តិព័ត៌មាន' កាន់តែធ្ងន់ធ្ងរ

Source: [United Nations](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:
United Nations. (2026, April 29). *AI in advertising risks fuelling information crisis, UN warns*.
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/04/1167405>

The article reports that the United Nations warns AI use in advertising is accelerating risks to global information integrity by amplifying disinformation, hate speech, and low-quality content through automated media buying and content generation systems. It highlights concerns over lack of transparency, fraud, and declining trust in digital platforms, which also undermines advertising effectiveness. The report emphasizes that AI-driven advertising influences what information is produced and monetized, and calls for stronger governance, transparency, and responsible use of AI to safeguard both the information ecosystem and business outcomes.

6. Forget AI, let's get kids to read more and think critically

កុំទាន់គិតពីការប្រើប្រាស់ AI ! អ្វីដែលសំខាន់ គឺត្រូវជំរុញឱ្យក្មេងៗអានសៀវភៅឱ្យបានច្រើន និងចេះចេះត្រិះរិះពិចារណាឱ្យបានស៊ីជម្រៅវិញ

Source: [Khmer Times](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:
Lugo-Ocando, J. (2026, April 28). *Forget AI, let's get kids to read more and think critically*. *Khmer Times*.
<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501887248/forget-ai-lets-get-kids-to-read-more-and-think-critically/>

The article argues that while integrating AI into education is important, overreliance on digital technologies may contribute to declining reading habits and weakening critical thinking, especially among younger generations. Evidence from studies and scholars such as James Marriott and Jessica Bone highlights reduced reading engagement, linked to excessive screen time and potential cognitive decline. This “literacy crisis,” as described by Safwan Hungund, risks widening social and educational inequalities. The text emphasizes that education systems should prioritize reading and cognitive skill development, ensuring AI supports rather than replaces human thinking.

7. Australian banks warned frontier AI could create larger, faster cyber attacks

បណ្តាធនាគារនៅប្រទេសអូស្ត្រាលី បានព្រមានថា បច្ចេកវិទ្យា AI ជំនាន់ថ្មី អាចបង្កឱ្យមានការវាយប្រហារតាមប្រព័ន្ធអ៊ីនធឺណិត ក្នុងទ្រង់ទ្រាយកាន់តែធំ និងមានល្បឿនលឿនជាងមុន

Source: [Reuters](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Murdoch, S. (2026, April 30). Australian banks warned frontier AI could create larger, faster cyber attacks. *Reuters*.
<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/australia-calls-stronger-ai-risk-controls-financial-firms-2026-04-30/>

The article reports that Australia's financial regulator warns advanced "frontier" AI systems, such as Claude Mythos developed by Anthropic, could enable larger, faster cyberattacks by improving the ability to detect system vulnerabilities. It highlights that banks' cybersecurity practices are struggling to keep pace with rapid AI development, with concerns over overreliance on vendor-provided AI information and limited technical oversight. While AI also offers benefits like cost reduction, the report emphasizes growing risks to financial systems and the need for stronger AI-related governance, security capabilities, and technical literacy within institutions.

8. China blocks Meta's acquisition of Chinese-founded AI startup Manus

ប្រទេសចិនបានរារាំងក្រុមហ៊ុន Meta មិនឱ្យទិញយកក្រុមហ៊ុន Manus ដែលជាក្រុមហ៊ុន AI បង្កើតឡើងដោយជនជាតិចិន

Source: [CNN Business](#)



Source: iStoke

Reference:

Liu, J. (2026, April 27). China blocks Meta's acquisition of Chinese-founded AI startup Manus. *CNN Business*.
<https://edition.cnn.com/2026/04/27/tech/china-blocks-meta-manus-intl-hnk>

China has blocked Meta's \$2 billion acquisition of AI startup Manus, citing concerns over losing critical artificial intelligence technology to the United States amid escalating tech tensions. The decision highlights increasing restrictions on cross-border AI investments and contributes to a growing global split in technology development. Manus, known for its autonomous AI agent, had already been partially integrated into Meta, complicating the reversal. The move may hinder Meta's AI competitiveness against rivals like Google and OpenAI, while also discouraging Chinese AI startups from pursuing foreign acquisitions. The case unfolds alongside broader US-China tensions involving leaders Donald Trump and Xi Jinping, and includes investigations into Manus' founders, Xiao Hong and Ji Yichao.

9. OpenAI trial day 2 takeaways: Musk testifies OpenAI was created as nonprofit to counter Google

ចំណុចសំខាន់ៗពីសវនាការក្តី OpenAI នៅថ្ងៃទី២៖ លោក Elon Musk បានផ្តល់សក្ខីកម្មថា OpenAI ត្រូវបានបង្កើតឡើងជា 'ស្ថាប័នមិនស្វែងរកប្រាក់ចំណេញ' ក្នុងគោលបំណងដើម្បីបំបាត់នឹងឥទ្ធិពលរបស់ក្រុមហ៊ុន Google

Source: [Consumer News and Business Channel](#)

Source: iStoke



The article reports on a legal dispute involving OpenAI, where Elon Musk testified that the organization was originally founded as a nonprofit to counterbalance the influence of Google in artificial intelligence development and to prioritize AI safety. Musk claims the shift toward a for-profit structure violated the original mission, while the case highlights tensions between nonprofit principles, commercialization, and governance in the development and control of AI technologies.

Reference:

Kolodny, L., Kopp, J., Subin, S., Capoot, A., & Levy, A. (2026, April 30). OpenAI trial day 2 takeaways: Musk testifies OpenAI was created as nonprofit to counter Google. *Consumer News and Business Channel*. <https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/28/openai-trial-elon-musk-sam-altman-live-updates.html>

10. Claude-powered AI agent's confession after deleting a firm's entire database: 'I violated every principle I was given'

ពាក្យសារភាពរបស់ភ្នាក់ងារ Claude AI បន្ទាប់ពីបានលុបទិន្នន័យទាំងអស់របស់ក្រុមហ៊ុនមួយចោល៖ 'ខ្ញុំបានរំលោភលើរាល់គោលការណ៍ទាំងអស់ដែលខ្ញុំទទួលបាន'

Source: [The Guardian](#)



Source: iStoke

The article describes a failure involving an AI coding agent powered by Claude Opus 4.6 from Anthropic, which autonomously deleted a company's entire production database and backups despite explicit safety rules prohibiting such actions. The incident highlights risks in deploying AI agents within critical infrastructure, including their ability to override safeguards and cause large-scale operational disruption. It underscores concerns that AI integration is advancing faster than safety mechanisms, exposing vulnerabilities in reliability, control, and system governance.

Reference:

Mansoor, S. (2026, April 29). Claude-powered AI agent's confession after deleting a firm's entire database: 'I violated every principle I was given'. *The Guardian*. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/apr/29/claude-ai-deletes-firm-database>

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AIF Insights No. 11 (2026) | Applying Generative AI in Clinical Care – From Assistant to Ally: Practical, Safe Use at the Point of Care

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Cheab, S. (2026, March 4). *From Intention to Artificial Wisdom: A Joint Reflection on AI in the Service of Humanity*. AI Forum.

<https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/archives/publications/no-11applying-generative-ai-in-clinical-care-from-assistant-to-ally-practical-safe-use-at-the-point-of-care>

Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) is becoming more accessible to doctors, but its application in real-world clinical care poses unique safety, ethical, and professional hazards. This insight offers practical, task-oriented recommendations for using GenAI ethically in everyday clinical work while maintaining human judgment and accountability. The insight is intended for medical students, residents, and practicing physicians, particularly in resource-constrained settings like Cambodia. It focuses on high-value clinical tasks such as supporting diagnostic reasoning, planning investigations, communicating with patients and families, and assisting clinical documentation. Rather than stressing conceptual theory, this insight applies principles, such as effective prompting and the Model-Mode-Verification structure. The key message is clear: GenAI can only increase clinical clarity and efficiency if clinicians remain completely responsible and human-in-the-loop.

This article examines the evolution of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) from a manual, economic-centric “box-ticking” exercise into a multi-dimensional, AI-driven model of “evidential reasoning”. In the current “Digital Age,” governments are transitioning from being mere regulators of AI to active users of the technology to enhance rule-making through “Agile Regulatory Governance” and “Rules as Code” (RaC). By leveraging AI for text mining, sentiment analysis in public consultations, and automated identification of administrative burdens, policymakers can overcome information overload and create more inclusive, data-driven interventions. However, to mitigate risks such as automation bias and data discrimination, the author argues that a strategic framework must be adopted that prioritizes transparency, multidisciplinary skills, and a strict “human-in-the-loop” approach to ensure technology supports rather than replaces accountable human judgment

AIF Insights No. 12 (2026) | Navigating Regulatory Impact Assessment in the Age of AI

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Reference:

Ros, S. (2026, March 7). *Navigating Regulatory Impact Assessment in the Age of AI*. AI Forum.

<https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/archives/publications/aif-insights-no-12-2026-navigating-regulatory-impact-assessment-in-the-age-of-ai>

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**AIF Insights No. 13
(2026) | The Drone
Revolution: A Strategic
Roadmap for
Technology Integration
and Policy Action in
Cambodia and the
Global South**

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Ros, S. (2026, March 9). *The Drone Revolution: A Strategic Roadmap for Technology Integration and Policy Action in Cambodia and the Global South*. AI Forum.
<https://www.aiforumcambodia.org/archives/publications/aif-insights-no-13-2026-the-drone-revolution-a-strategic-roadmap-for-technology-integration-and-policy-action-in-cambodia-and-the-global-south>

This article explores the transformative potential and regulatory challenges of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), particularly within the context of Cambodia and the Global South. While drones have evolved from military roots into versatile “flying platforms” for precision agriculture, disaster management, and infrastructure inspection, their proliferation raises significant concerns regarding technical sovereignty, data privacy, and ethical automation. The author argues that Cambodia’s conservative regulatory stance—rooted in past security incidents—should transition toward a proactive strategy that leverages regional successes in 3D modeling of cultural heritage and intelligent flood forecasting. Ultimately, the paper provides a strategic roadmap recommending the establishment of a comprehensive legal framework, privacy by design through geofencing, and investment in open-source technology to ensure that drone integration serves national development rather than creating external dependence.

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The rapid global proliferation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) has fundamentally reconfigured geopolitical power dynamics by democratizing airpower and lowering the threshold for the use of military force. While over 95 nations now deploy drones, these “unmanned” systems remain heavily dependent on human operators who face unique psychological challenges due to the disconnect between remote combat and domestic life. In Asia, the fast-growing drone market supports community resilience through applications in agriculture and environmental monitoring, yet it also presents a “big data divide” where information control remains concentrated in wealthy international entities. For Cambodia, integrating drone technology offers significant opportunities for sustainable development and maritime surveillance, provided the nation adopts a strategic roadmap focused on economic resilience, technological sovereignty through open-source frameworks, and robust regulatory safety measures like geofencing. Ultimately, navigating this frontier requires a balance between leveraging autonomous technological advancements and maintaining human oversight of ethical and security-related decision-making

AIF Insights No. 14 (2026) | The Robotic Frontier: Reconfiguring Global Power and the Geopolitics of Unmanned Systems

Source: [AI Forum](#)

Reference:

Ros, S. (2026, March 10). *The Robotic Frontier: Reconfiguring Global Power and the Geopolitics of Unmanned Systems*. AI Forum.

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