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LOCAL

“Cambodia says RCEP, BRI Boost Cambodia’s Socioeconomic, Trade Development”

The Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have contributed significantly to fostering a robust framework and boosting the development ties between the two countries. According to Kao Kosal, Director-General of Trade Promotion at the Ministry of Commerce, BRI projects have strengthened infrastructure development, promoted socioeconomic development, and expanded trade cooperation. Likewise, Director of Public Relations and Promotion of Private Investment at the Council for the Development of Cambodia stated that existing trade agreements such as RCEP, BRI, and CCFTA as well as Cambodia’s new investment law create a conducive environment for Chinese investors looking to gain ground in Southeast Asia.

Source: [Khmer Times](#)

INTERNATIONAL

“Delta Air Lines is Rolling Out Free Wi-Fi”

According to the CEO of Delta, Ed Bastian, starting on 1st February, Delta Air Lines will offer free Wi-Fi on most of its flights. Passengers who are members of Delta’s SkyMiles Loyalty Program can access Wi-Fi freely, whereas non-member passengers must pay \$10. According to Bastian, the

free Wi-Fi will be fast and accessible to everyone onboard Delta flights. Delta had invested over \$1 billion in Wi-Fi infrastructure to reach this goal. As the first major US-based airline to roll out this feature, Delta hopes it fosters stronger loyalty among passengers.

Source: [Jordan Valinsky / CNN](#)

“OpenAI, Creator of ChatGPT, Casts Spell on Microsoft”

As the most popular tech startup today, OpenAI, the creator of ChatGPT, a chatbot that can compose essays and poems, is poised to reach \$29 billion in value if it agrees to \$10 billion from Microsoft. With the ambition to challenge Google’s dominance in the search-engine market, Microsoft has incorporated OpenAI’s other product, Dall-E 2, into its applications. With growing fascination about ChatGPT, Microsoft is aiming to harness the power of this chatbot for its Bing search machine. According to Tom Goldstein, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, OpenAI spends an average of \$3 million to keep ChatGPT operational. The company can reduce its cost with new investments from Microsoft, but running ChatGPT is still very expensive.

Source: [Daniel Hoffman / Yahoo!news](#)

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