
Kazakhstan Hosts First GITEX AI Central Asia



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Kazakhstan has hosted the inaugural GITEX AI Central Asia event in Almaty, marking the first time the global technology exhibition has been held in the region. The two-day event concluded on Tuesday, bringing together technology leaders, startups, investors, and policymakers to promote artificial intelligence development.

The event gathered 336 tech enterprises and startups, over 100 investors, and more than 200

speakers from 50 countries. Major companies such as Cisco, Intel, Lenovo, Dell, Huawei, and Hikvision showcased digital solutions for the region's growing tech infrastructure.

Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said artificial intelligence is a key driver of economic growth and requires integrated systems of data, processes, and human resources.

Deputy Prime Minister Zhaslan Madiyev said Kazakhstan has become a leading digital economy in the region, ranking among the top countries globally for digital services and e-government development.

GITEX Global CEO Trixie LohMirmand said Kazakhstan has the talent and vision to contribute to the global intelligence economy.

Memorandums of understanding were signed on the opening day. Kazakhstan's Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development announced plans for a Tier III/Tier IV data center campus with 150–200 megawatts capacity to attract global tech firms.

Agreements were also signed for a power plant and green energy project to support the data center, with long-term capacity targets of up to one gigawatt.