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First time in Thailand, Mahidol University cooperates with Alibaba Cloud for information of digital technology on cloud computing exchange to support academic field and national economy



Alibaba Group enables businesses to transform the way they market, sell and operate and improve their efficiencies. It also provides technology infrastructure through Alibaba Cloud, the digital technology and intelligence backbone of Alibaba Group. **Alibaba Cloud** is APAC's number 1 cloud service provider, and through the collaboration with Mahidol university, students will be empowered with leading artificial intelligence and cloud computing knowledge that can facilitate their understanding of Fintech, retail and other traditional industry digitalization.

Mahidol University is the first Thai educational institution that has academic cooperation with Alibaba Cloud. The objective is to facilitate teaching-learning and research process, starting with The Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Information and Communication Technology where cloud computing has been instructed. Moreover, Knowledge Center, with the support of Alibaba Cloud, is going to be established at Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center, Salaya Campus.



Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, President of Mahidol University, stated that innovation occurred in accordance with **A-B-C-D** principle; **A** is **Alliance**, **B** is **Brain** which means knowledge building process, **C** is **Collaboration**, and **D** is **Dedication**. The cooperation between Mahidol University and Alibaba Cloud was going to be a great opportunity to construct knowledges and create more innovations. Moreover, allying with Alibaba Cloud, a world-class corporation, would be significant power in technology support to strengthen national economy.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jackrit Suthakorn, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Mahidol University, said that this collaboration with Alibaba Cloud would benefit an information exchange on cloud computing and businesses operating on the cloud. However, not only engineering sector but also other education field, research



sector, and the field of industrial development would receive advantages from this engagement. Importantly, **Mahidol University staffs and students can use cloud computing free of charge for the first year. According to this, Mahidol University students would get more opportunities to be a part of the largest global market by using this platform which would benefit their future career as entrepreneur.**



Dr. Pattanasak Mongkolwat, Dean of Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University (MUICT), said that according to students and lecturers could access Alibaba Cloud computing technology resulting from the cooperation, the knowledges transfer and exchange would occur. **Moreover, they could use the resources on the cloud efficiently with not much experience on creating Artificial Intelligence Algorithm or other systems was needed. They**

could deploy Alibaba Cloud platform to further applications making process, which took less time and budget than creating their own data center or else. In addition, this would be opportunities for students to learn and practice skills related to system maintenance, cyber security, enterprise application, and also application for marketing, in order to be a power to push forward national economy to digital economy effectively in the future.

Asst. Prof. Nopphol Pausawasdi, Acting Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs of Mahidol University, as the Director of Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center, concluded that **after a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to establish an academic collaboration between Mahidol University and Alibaba Cloud, Knowledge Center was going to be established at Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center, Salaya Campus.** This center would be a place to hold activities for learning and practicing skills in cloud computing with the support of Alibaba Cloud in knowledges and a server. The support would start with **‘Train the Trainer’** process through online platform which means the selected lecturers would be trained by the company. After training, the trained lecturers would be invited to be **‘Ambassador’** to transfer academic knowledges to other lecturers, students, and public. **The opportunities and knowledges receiving in this engagement would develop the skills of students, more interested projects could be happened, their abilities would meet the demand of workforce in digital market sector.**



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