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Shaping the Future Together, in Taipei

WITSA is proud to announce the inaugural WITSA Global AI Summit, taking place next month on August 18–21, 2025 at the Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel. Hosted by the Taiwan Innovative Software and Services Association (TISSA), formerly known as the Information Service Industry Association of R.O.C. (CISA), this landmark event is set to bring together global leaders from government, industry, academia, and research to explore the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence.

This new catalytic platform intends to reconnect the tech community, inspire new ideas, and showcase how AI is transforming industries, societies, and lives. As the global conversation around Artificial Intelligence continues to accelerate, WITSA stands at the forefront of fostering collaboration, responsibility, and opportunity in the age of AI.



We are particularly excited to spotlight a special update involving the Global AI Ecosystem Network Founding Hub Partners, in particular, Bahrain, Brazil, Sarawak, and Taiwan, fostering the exchange of innovative ideas and best practices, making it a truly global knowledge hub, developing a robust AI ecosystems tailored to each partner's strengths in areas of talent development, ethical governance, sector-specific innovation, cross-border partnerships, resource sharing, and collectively address global challenges





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The WITSA GAIN will serve as a catalyst for global cooperation, enabling regions to share knowledge, resources, and best practices to accelerate AI adoption and drive inclusive growth. It will foster international business opportunities, empowering stakeholders to expand exports and establish cross-border collaborations, making it an unparalleled platform for global growth in AI.



In addition to the summit and GAIN updates, the WITSA Global Awards (formerly known as the WITSA Global Innovation and Tech Excellence Awards), celebrating excellence in technology and recognizing leaders who are shaping the digital future and the WITSA Summer Board meeting will also take place in Taipei.

We look forward to have our members, partners and global tech community to join us in Taipei to engage in thought-provoking discussions, forge strategic partnerships, and witness the unveiling of initiatives that will define the next era of digital transformation. See you all next month, in Taipei, Taiwan.

Dato' Dan E Khoo
WITSA CEO



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AI Innovation

AI as a Service

Trustworthy AI

AI Empowering Health

August 18–21 2025
in Taipei



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Information Service Industry Association of R.O.C.

WITSA Global AI Summit: AI Shaping the Digital World

WITSA is thrilled to share exciting updates about the WITSA Global AI Summit 2025, our flagship event this year, taking place August 18–21, 2025, at the Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. Hosted by the Taiwan Innovative Software and Services Association (TISSA), this inaugural Summit embodies WITSA's mission to unite global innovators and drive digital transformation. With the theme "AI Shaping the Digital World", the Summit will feature:

- **World-Class Keynotes:** Hear from visionaries like the Honorable Huang Yen-nun (Minister of Digital Affairs, Taiwan) and Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Morshidi (Chairman, Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation).
- **Global Leaders Discussion:** Addressing the concerns on AI in areas of business, regulation, opportunities and ethics.
- **High-Impact Panels:** Dive into topics like AI Innovation, AI-as-a-Service, Trustworthy AI, and AI Empowering Health, with global experts including Stephen Ibaraki (Founder, AI for Good) and Dr. Benson Wu (CEO, CyCraft Technology).
- **WITSA Global Awards & Gala Dinner 2025:** Celebrate excellence in innovation with our prestigious awards.
- **Cultural Experiences:** Discover Taiwan's rich heritage through a curated cultural tour and explore cutting-edge tech at the Intelligent Asia Expo.

Participants get priority access to intimate networking events with global decision-makers. Don't miss this chance to amplify your voice on the world stage!

Get more information here: <https://tissaglobal.tw/2025WitsaGAS/information.html>



WITSA Global AI Summit: AI Shaping the Digital World



Taiwan Innovative Software and Services Association

TISSA

TISSA Leads the Way:

Hosting the Inaugural WITSA Global AI Summit 2025 in Taipei

Taiwan Innovative Software and Services Association (TISSA): A Pillar of Taiwan's Tech Ecosystem



"As one of Taiwan's most established digital industry associations, TISSA has been a cornerstone of Taiwan's digital economy for over four decades. We are honored to host the WITSA Global AI Summit, showcasing Taiwan's innovation and fostering global partnerships to advance AI responsibly. This event is a testament to WITSA's trust in our capabilities and Taiwan's strategic role in the AI supply chain."

Dr Brian Shen, Chairman of TISSA

For over 40 years, TISSA (formerly known as the Information Service Industry Association of R.O.C. (CISA), has stood at the intersection of industry, government, and global platforms, championing Taiwan's IT and information services sector. From policy advocacy, member services, and groundbreaking awards to international leadership, it remains Taiwan's definitive voice in the digital age. Today, it counts over 900 corporate members ranging from local startups and multinational corporations to research institutes.

Led by Dr. Brian Shen, TISSA leverages Taiwan's world-class hardware-software integration and robust innovation ecosystem to position the island as a global leader in AI and technology.

TISSA's core mission includes:

- Advocating for government policies favorable to IT and digital transformation
- Promoting technology adoption and software exports
- Facilitating member-to-member knowledge exchange via seminars and matchmaking events
- Assisting members in winning government contracts and outsourcing projects
- Expanding international cooperation through global alliances

WITSA GLOBAL AI SUMMIT

AI Shaping the Digital World

Aug18- 21, 2025

Venue: Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel

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AI
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TISSA's Role: Orchestrating Global Collaboration

As the primary organizer, TISSA is leading efforts to ensure a smooth experience for all attendees, including providing visa assistance for participants from countries that require entry permits and offering exclusive networking opportunities for WITSA members. The collaboration between TISSA and Taiwan's Ministry of Digital Affairs enhances the event's significance, aligning with national objectives to promote AI-driven digital transformation.

Engaging WITSA's Global Community

TISSA's hosting of the Summit embodies WITSA's fundamental mission: to unite its members from over 80 countries to encourage innovation and collaboration. By highlighting Taiwan's technological and cultural strengths, TISSA is creating a platform for WITSA members to share ideas, establish partnerships, and influence the global future of AI. The event also provides exclusive advantages for WITSA members, such as discounted registration and priority access to networking sessions with key global decision-makers.

The WITSA Global AI Summit 2025 aims to be a transformative event, uniting global innovators to harness AI for a connected, inclusive, and sustainable future. Join us in Taipei to be part of this historic moment!

Visit <https://www.tissaglobal.tw/2025WitsaGAS/tickets.html> for registration, sponsorship or visa inquiries.

Visit www.witsa.org too, to get current updates on WITSA and its catalytic platforms.



Leaders in AI Headlining 2025 WITSA Global AI Summit in Taipei

The inaugural WITSA Global AI Summit 2025 aims to bring together global leaders from government, industry, academia, and research to explore AI's transformative potential.

This historic gathering will be marked by a compelling lineup of keynote speakers and panelists, offering insights on AI innovation, trustworthy AI, health tech, and global partnerships.

Under the theme "AI Shaping the Digital World," the invited distinguished keynote and panel speakers, are set to drive insightful discussions on AI innovation, collaboration, and develop the ultimate global AI ecosystem for economic partners.

Let's take a look at the visionary leaders who will be headlining the WITSA Global AI Summit 2025:



*H.E. Mr Huang Yen-nun
Minister, Ministry of Digital
Affairs Taiwan*



*Tan Sri Mohamad Morshidi Abdul
Ghani Chairman, Sarawak Digital
Economy Corporation (SDEC),
Malaysia.*



*Joe White, Global AI
Index Lead, The Observer*



*Samiran Gupta
Vice President, ICANN*



*Dr. Michael R. Nelson
Senior Fellow, Carnegie
Endowment for International
Peace*



*Stephen Ibaraki
Founder, AI For Good*



Other headliners of the WITSA Global AI Summit 2025



*Jiunn-Shiow Lin, Director-General,
Ministry of Digital Affairs, Taipei*



*Dato' Dan E Khoo
CEO of WITSA*



*Ken Yu
Chief Executive Officer, imedtac Co.
Ltd.*



*Katsunori Murakami, Global
Business Developer, NTT DATA*



John Choi, CEO, MarkAny Inc.



*Ivan Liao, CEO, Openfind
Information Technology, Inc.*



*Professor Chen Yun Nung
National Taiwan University*



*Dr. Benson Wu
CEO, CyCraft Technology*

Visit <https://www.tissaglobal.tw/2025WitsaGAS/tickets.html> for registration, sponsorship and more details on the WITSA Global AI Summit 2025.



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Unlocking the AI Multiplier: Join the WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network (GAIN)

In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, Artificial Intelligence (AI) stands as a powerful multiplier, promising to revolutionize industries, economies, and societies worldwide. Recognizing this immense potential, WITSA is proud to champion the AI multiplier through its groundbreaking initiative: the WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network (GAIN).

WITSA GAIN is designed to foster a dynamic and interconnected global AI community, empowering nations and organizations to harness the full power of AI for sustainable economic growth and societal advancement. Our vision is to Build a Thriving AI Ecosystem in every nation, tailored to their unique strengths in areas such as talent development, ethical governance, and sector-specific innovation.

This also enables crucial cross-border partnerships and resource sharing to tackle global challenges like healthcare, education, and infrastructure. Members can even assess their progress with the AI Maturity Model Assessment.

At the heart of WITSA GAIN are three core pillars:

- **Build a Thriving AI Ecosystem in the Nation:** We support the development of robust AI ecosystems, focusing on national strengths while enabling cross-border collaboration to address global challenges.
- **Make the Global AI Connection:** WITSA GAIN forms a dynamic, decentralized global network that fosters collaboration, innovation, and growth by bringing together AI leaders from around the world.
- **Level up for Regional & Global AI Leadership:** By uniting diverse ecosystems under a shared vision of ethical and inclusive AI, the network facilitates shared infrastructure, joint research, and multinational ventures. This transforms competition into collaboration, promotes sustainable economic growth, and addresses trade tensions.





How WITSA GAIN Empowers Its Members:

WITSA GAIN is more than just a network; it's a strategic platform designed to provide tangible benefits to its participants:

- **Leveraging International Expertise & Collaborative Knowledge:** The WITSA GAIN platform serves as a true global knowledge hub, fostering the exchange of innovative ideas and best practices among AI leaders worldwide.
- **Resource Pooling & Cross-Pollination of Innovations:** By uniting diverse AI ecosystems, WITSA GAIN enables the pooling of resources and the cross-pollination of groundbreaking solutions, creating synergies that accelerate progress and drive impactful innovation.
- **Forging Global Partnerships for Regional and International Growth:** Our unique model establishes enduring partnerships that transcend geographical boundaries, enabling members to collaborate with global regions and expand their reach.
- **Driving Cross-Border Exports and Collaborative Opportunities:** WITSA GAIN fosters international business opportunities, empowering stakeholders to expand exports and establish cross-border collaborations, making it an unparalleled platform for global growth in AI.

Ultimately, hub partners within WITSA GAIN benefit from enhanced visibility, market access, and unparalleled opportunities to lead in the global AI revolution.

An Invitation to All WITSA Members:

We invite all WITSA members to be an integral part of this transformative initiative. By joining WITSA GAIN, you will not only contribute to shaping the future of AI globally but also unlock a wealth of benefits for your organization and nation. Connect with leading AI innovators, access cutting-edge resources, and expand your reach in the global AI landscape.

Don't miss this opportunity to be at the forefront of the AI revolution. We encourage you to learn more about how your organization can participate in and benefit from the WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network. Together, we can build a more intelligent, innovative, and interconnected world.

WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network (GAIN)

Championing the AI Multiplier

Be Part of WITSA GAIN



Global Leadership of AI hub partners across six continents



The AI Multiplier: Leverage the collective strength of the global AI hubs to create exponential growth and impact for economies



Unmatched Collaboration on transformative projects, access shared resources, and solve global challenges together



Accelerate AI Maturity through insights, tools, and expertise to fast-track the AI journey through WITSA's exclusive AI Maturity Assessment

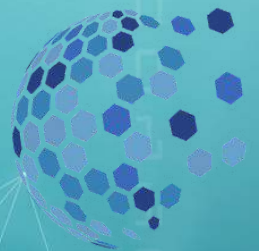


Shape the Future, Lead groundbreaking AI initiatives and policies that influence economies and societies worldwide.



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and Services Alliance



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The WITSA Global Awards 2025: Celebrating Innovation and Impact in Taipei

WITSA is thrilled to announce the WITSA Global Awards 2025 returns to Taipei, hosted by the Taiwan Information Service Industry Association (TISSA), formerly known as CISA. This will be the third time TISSA has had the honor of hosting this globally renowned event in Taipei, showcasing the world's best on an international stage.

The WITSA Global Awards: A Legacy of Recognizing Excellence

The WITSA Global Awards honor organizations, initiatives, and individuals driving progress in areas such as cybersecurity, digital transformation, eHealth, public-private partnerships, digital talent development, emerging digital solutions, tech investment, startup ecosystems, and women in technology.

Each category reflects WITSA's mission to promote the responsible and inclusive use of technology to address global challenges and enhance quality of life.

The 2025 awards will spotlight a diverse range of initiatives that demonstrate creativity, resilience, and a commitment to leveraging technology for societal and economic good. From pioneering eHealth systems that empower underserved communities to cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions redefining workforce development, the nominees represent the forefront of innovation.

Winners and recipients of the awards highlight transformative innovations, groundbreaking solutions, and impactful contributions that are shaping the digital future across industries and communities worldwide.

This year, fifteen (15) awards will be presented at the WITSA Global Awards and Gala Dinner, in conjunction with the WITSA Global AI Summit which will be attended by tech leaders and community from more than 24 countries. The event will not only celebrate this year's exceptional nominees but also set the stage for future innovations that will shape a more connected, inclusive, and sustainable world.

Get your tickets at <https://www.tissaglobal.tw/2025WitsaGAS/information.html> and join us. See you at the WITSA Global Awards in Taipei, August 19, 2025.





VISA Information:

For short visits (under 90 days), most nationalities, including U.S. passport holders, don't need a visa to enter Taiwan as tourists. However, if you plan to stay longer or work/reside, a visa is required. Passport validity requirements vary, but for visa-free entry, your passport should be valid for the duration of your stay.

For more information, visit

https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/

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No. 12, Section 1, Zhongxiao E Rd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City	100, Taiwan, Taipei City, Zhongzheng District	100, Taiwan, Taipei City, Zhongzheng District	No. 31, Section 1, Zhongxiao E Rd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City	100013, Taiwan, Taipei City, Zhongzheng District, Section 2, Zhongxiao E Rd
USD250 per night	USD200 per night*	USD140 per night*	USD150 per night*	USD150 per night*
Breakfast included	Breakfast included	Breakfast included	Breakfast included	Breakfast included
Standard - Single	Standard - Single	Standard - Single	Standard - Single	Standard - Single
Official Hotel Event venue of the WITSA Global AI Summit 2025	10 mins walk to Official Hotel (600m)	10 mins walk to Official Hotel (550m)	5 mins walk to Official Hotel (350m)	10 mins walk to Official Hotel (900m)

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