Harnessing AI in the 4IR: Ethics, Inclusion, and the Imperative of Listening to the Margins

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From Technological Acceleration to Ethical Fractures

Structural inequalities in access to digital infrastructure and literacy.

Many groups—children, older persons, and persons with disabilities—risk exclusion.

Job displacement / AI bias / privacy violations

We must bridge the digital divide to ensure fair access and protection.

Raising Voices from the Margins

DIGITAL DEPRIVATION AND RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN AI LITERACY

NEED FOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

From Ethics as Checklist to Ethics as Inclusion

- Ethics is not a set of rules—it is a continuous, co-created process.

Key questions:

- Whose voices are heard?

- Who designs technology—and for whom?

Recommendations from ASEAN Study

1. Expand digital infrastructure in rural/remote areas

2. Invest in education & upskilling

3. Foster digital entrepreneurship

4. Promote inclusive digital content

5. Enable participatory policymaking

Thailand and ASEAN's Role

- Thailand can lead by example, embedding social protection and dignity into AI governance.

- The future of AI is being shaped not just in labs, but in villages, floodplains, and borderlands.

- Let us ensure our AI futures are not built for them, but with them.