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Summary

In the AP News article, “Nvidia CEO suggests Malaysia could be AI ‘manufacturing’ hub as Southeast Asia expands data centers”, reports on how the CEO and founder of the technology giant Nvidia, Jensen Huang views Malaysia as a potential hub for artificial intelligence manufacturing. Huang however did not confirm the chip maker is in talks with a local conglomerate to set up AI data centers in the Southeast Asian country. Huang told reporters in Kuala Lumpur that the Malaysian conglomerate YTL Corp could play an important role in setting up AI data centers. Huang also did not confirm reports that Nvidia is in talks with YTL, whose interests span utilities and telecommunications, cement, construction, and property development but he did state that “YTL is an extraordinary company and has an incredible leadership and legacy”. Huang also stated that Malaysia is a very important hub for SEA’s computing infrastructure as it requires access to land, facilities, and power, which is extraordinarily important. Malaysia also has expertise in packaging, assembly, and other aspects of manufacturing that make it well-suited for the manufacturing of artificial intelligence. Huang then stated that Nvidia was working with 80 AI startups within the country of Malaysia.

In Malaysia, the data center infrastructure layer of computing, which is one of the most important parts of AI and the cloud, is very successful. Southeast Asia will likely be a hub for AI computing because countries need their own AI data centers to refine and transform data into valuable information. Old data processing centers were designed to hold data files and run applications. AI requires the use of each place’s culture, language, values, literature, and common sense. Huang stated that he currently doesn't know plans for every region well but he has great confidence that Southeast Asia is going to be a very important technology hub because it's already excellent at packaging and assembly and battery manufacturing as well as many aspects of the technology supply chain.

Personal Opinion

Overall, I strongly agree with the CEO and founder of Nvidia Jensen Huang's view of Malaysia and the rest of Southeast Asia as a potential hub for artificial intelligence manufacturing because Southeast Asia countries have their own AI data centers that can refine and transform data into valuable information. Malaysia also has expertise in packaging, assembly, and other aspects of manufacturing that make it well-suited for the manufacturing of artificial intelligence. I also agree with Huang's statement that "AI requires the use of each place's culture, language, values, literature and common sense" because developers need to work together with diverse people/communities to ensure that AI technologies are inclusive, respectful, and aligned with various values and expectations.

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