

OPEN INNOVATION DAY - OPEN INNOVATION DAY 2026

POWER THE NEXT-GEN INDUSTRIAL CITY

Time: 8:30 - 17:30, Monday, 26 October 2026, and side activities;

Venue: Skylar 4, Thiskyhall Sala, No. 10 Mai Chi Tho Street, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City;

***TECH SHOWCASE:**

- **Nguyen Hue Area (26-29 October):** An 18m × 3m SoiHub/Saigontel space is planned for displaying and demonstrating technology products and solutions.

The Organizing Committee will provide the space; participating organizations are responsible for arranging and covering the costs of booth design, construction, transportation, installation, and dismantling.

TIME	ACTIVITIES	SPEAKERS/DELEGATES
OPENING OF OPEN INNOVATION DAY 2026		
8:30 - 8:40 (7 min)	Welcome Remarks Setting the direction for strengthening Vietnam’s emerging technology and industrial capabilities and advancing the vision of the “Next-Generation Industrial City”; while positioning OID 2026 as a platform to connect strategic resources and catalyze collaboration, investment, and technology transfer.	Senior Official of the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam.
8:40 - 8:50 (7 min)	Opening Remarks: Launching Open Innovation Day and Its Role in the Opening Program of AEF 2026 Highlighting Ho Chi Minh City’s development direction driven by science and technology, innovation, and high-value industries; while opening up opportunities for investment, R&D, technology piloting and transfer, and market development for businesses and international partners.	Senior Official of the Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee.
8:50 - 9:10 (15 min)	Highlight: Announcement of strategic partnerships to advance the next-generation industrial city – Ho Chi Minh City takes the lead and pioneers the way.	<10 partnership announcements expected>

MORNING SESSION: FOUNDATIONS OF NEXT-GENERATION INDUSTRY IN THE AI ERA

AI is transforming data, computing power, and digital infrastructure into new factors of production. Countries and businesses that can build and control critical infrastructure, data, technology, and talent will gain a competitive industrial advantage in the decade ahead. This session explores emerging capital flows and investment models for developing the infrastructure and talent required by the AI and data economy, while addressing security and sovereignty imperatives to support Vietnam’s future growth.

Session Moderator: Ms. Christina Bui, Vice President of Managed Business Solutions, Robert Half and Protiviti.

9:15 - 9:25 (10 min)	Keynote 1 – Attracting Investment into AI Data Centers: Opportunities for Vietnam <i>Case Study</i> AI is transforming data centers from supporting infrastructure into strategic infrastructure for the digital economy. - Insights into how international investors assess and select markets for large-scale digital infrastructure projects, with a focus on key investment drivers; - Positioning Vietnam within the regional landscape, highlighting its existing advantages and the conditions that need to be strengthened; - Exploring potential collaboration models to build an AI Data Center (AIDC) ecosystem connected to Vietnam’s semiconductor value chain.	- Speaker: Andrew Tang, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, SAIF Eagle Fund.
9:25 - 10:10 (45 min)	Panel Discussion 1 - From Computing Power to Economic Value: Building the Technology Ecosystem for AI Infrastructure <i>Analysis & Discussion</i> The discussion expands beyond physical infrastructure to the broader technology and service ecosystem. - The rise of AI Factories: from computing capacity and AI chips to cloud infrastructure and software platforms that enable AI deployment at scale; - “Soft infrastructure” for AI: policy frameworks, market demand from AI adopters, data, and trust - the enabling conditions for physical infrastructure to attract investment; - Data security, cybersecurity, and sovereignty: sovereign cloud models, on-premises AI deployment, and security solutions.	- Moderator: Mr. James Nguyen, Co-Founder, President & CEO, Quantropi. - Speakers: 1/ Mr. Nguyen Khac Lich, Director General, Authority of Digital Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam; 2/ Senior Representative from MobiFone Corporation (MobiFone); 3/ Ms. Doris Yeh, Founder & CEO, Mirapath; 4/ Mr. Park Dong Jin, CEO, NAVER Vietnam / Mr. Kim Kwang-ok, CEO, DK Techn, Kakao Group; 5/ Mr. Youngbeom Jung, CEO, FuriosaAI.
10:10 - 10:20 (10 min)	Networking	
10:20 - 10:30	Keynote 2 - The Future Workforce in the AI Era: A New	- Speaker:

(10 min)	Race for Talent AI is reshaping jobs, skills, and the way work is organized, creating new workforce requirements across the digital economy. This keynote will explore the capabilities and skills needed in the AI era, and discuss new approaches to education and training, reskilling and upskilling, and industry–academia collaboration to prepare the workforce for evolving labor market demands.	Mr. Felix Weidenkaff, Employment and Labour Market Policy Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO) Country Office for Viet Nam.
10:30 - 11:15 (45 min)	Panel Discussion 2 - Green Energy Infrastructure: A Critical Factor in Competing for Investment In next-generation industries, access to reliable, sufficient, cost-competitive, and increasingly clean power is becoming a critical factor in investment location decisions, particularly for data centers, semiconductors, and high-tech manufacturing. - Examining the need for integrated development of clean power generation, grid infrastructure, energy storage, and green financing mechanisms, while advancing public–private collaboration, mobilizing international capital, and enabling businesses to access reliable clean energy; - Exploring energy infrastructure models that can strengthen Vietnam’s ability to attract next-generation technology and industrial projects.	- Moderator: Leadership of the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City; - Speakers: 1/ Leadership of GE Vernova (USA); 2/ Leadership of Nebula Energy (USA); 3/ Mr. Jad El Sebaaly, Sales & Business Development Director, Asia-Pacific, Karpowership.
11:15 - 11:45 (30 min)	Open Interactive Discussion & Morning Session Wrap-up	Moderators: Ms. Bui Thanh Hang, Director of SoiHub - Open Innovation Hub, and Mr. Richard D. McClellan, CEO, Vietnam International Financial Center in Ho Chi Minh City (VIFC-HCMC).

AFTERNOON SESSION: LOW-ALTITUDE ECONOMY – CREATING NEW ENGINES OF GROWTH

The low-altitude economy is opening up new avenues for economic growth, driven by dual-use technologies, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), autonomous systems, connectivity infrastructure, and data. The afternoon session will explore the concept and scope of the low-altitude economy, how countries are approaching and developing this emerging market, key application areas, and the enabling foundations required for deployment at scale. From this perspective, the session will highlight opportunities to build new industrial capabilities in Vietnam.

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14:00 - 14:10 (10 min)	Keynote 3 - Low-Altitude Economy: Global Landscape and Vietnam's Position <i>Overview & Analysis</i> - An overview of the global low-altitude economy: its definition, scope, and value-chain structure — spanning aerial vehicles, components, ground infrastructure, airspace management, and application services; - Positioning Vietnam within this emerging landscape by examining its developing capabilities, key ecosystem players, real-world use cases driving market demand, and the gaps that need to be addressed to move from isolated pilots toward industrial-scale deployment.	- Speaker: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Ngoc Lang, President, Vietnam Aerospace Association (VASA).
14:10 - 14:20 (10 min)	Keynote 4 - From Testbed to Specialized Industrial Park: Lessons from the Panday Pira Autonomous Park (Philippines) <i>Case Study & Analysis</i> Sharing international experience in developing testbeds and industrial parks for autonomous systems, including: - Requirements for testing and technical infrastructure; - Operating models and integration across R&D, training, and manufacturing; - Strategies for attracting dual-use technology companies. Through the case study of the Panday Pira Autonomous Park, the keynote will examine how a testbed can evolve into core infrastructure for an industrial ecosystem - integrating testing and evaluation, training, manufacturing, and scale-up capabilities for autonomous systems across the air, ground, surface, and subsea domains.	- Speaker: Mr. Jed Royal, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Pickaxe Technologies.
14:20 - 15:20 (60 min)	- Panel Discussion 3 - Vietnam's Low-Altitude Economy: From Individual Applications to Market-Scale Development - <i>Discussion</i> - The panel will explore how Vietnam can create the enabling environment and shared platforms needed to develop the low-altitude economy at scale - from mobilizing investment and developing infrastructure to building the broader ecosystem and integrating R&D, testing, and manufacturing within industrial parks. - Mobilizing investment: Attracting capital for	- Moderator: Mr. Nguyen Anh Thi, Expert, Vietnam Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC C4IR). - Speakers: 1/ Prof. Wu Zhiqiang, Tongji University. 2/ Phung Van Cuong, CEO, Viettel Post. 3/ Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Ngoc

	infrastructure, technologies, and businesses across the low-altitude economy, including public-private partnership (PPP) models; - Shared infrastructure and development spaces: Establishing testbeds for the research, testing, validation, and commercialization of UAVs and autonomous systems, while expanding the role of industrial parks in integrating R&D, testing, manufacturing, and supply-chain development; - Specialized industrial parks: Exploring models that integrate testing, manufacturing, and services for autonomous technologies within dedicated industrial zones; - Ecosystem collaboration & dual-use technology development: Connecting businesses, research institutes, universities, government agencies, and industry associations to create the institutional and operational foundations for shared low-altitude economy platforms.	Lang, President, Vietnam Aerospace Association (VASA). 4/ Ms Nguyen Cam Phuong, CEO, Saigon Telecommunication and Technologies Corporation (SAIGONTEL); 5/ Mr. Kim Sung Kun, Deputy General Director, PABLO AIR; 6/ Colonel Tao Khanh Hop, General Director, Global Telecommunications Technology Corporation (GTEL).
15:20- 15:50 (30 min)	Open Interactive Discussion Closing Talk: What Comes Next? – Building New Industrial Capabilities for Vietnam	Session Moderators: Ms. Bui Thanh Hang, Director of SoiHub - Open Innovation Hub, and Mr. Jed Royal, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Pickaxe Technologies..

SPEAKER INFORMATION

NO.	FULL NAME	INTRODUCTION
1	Ms. Christina Bui, Vice President, Managed Business Solutions, Robert Half & Protiviti (United States).	Consulting and investment expert with over 30 years of experience, working with PE/VC funds and portfolio companies on transformation, value creation, and transaction preparation; formerly Co-founder and Managing Member of Cailan Ventures.
2	SAIF Eagle Fund	SAIF Eagle Fund is SAIF Group's private equity (PE) investment platform in the high-tech sector – originating from the SoftBank Asia Infrastructure Fund (2001), with approximately USD 10 billion in cumulative assets under management and investments in more than 500 companies. The SAIF Eagle team has experience in

		investing in, developing, and exiting data center and AI Data Center projects at the scale of hundreds of MW, along with a portfolio of 31 semiconductor projects.
3	Mr. James Nguyen, Co-founder and CEO, Quantropi (Canada).	Quantropi, a Canadian cybersecurity company specializing in encryption technologies and quantum-secure communications; a NATO-approved supplier and previously ranked in Deloitte Canada's Technology Fast 50.
4	Authority of Digital Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam	A state management agency in the fields of digital technology and artificial intelligence; providing a policy perspective on the development of digital infrastructure and technological capabilities, promoting the business ecosystem, and meeting the needs of AI and data development in Vietnam.
5	Ms. Doris Yeh, Founder & CEO, Mirapath (United States).	Business leader specializing in Data Centers and AI infrastructure with over 25 years of experience in technology and global partnership development; providing practical perspectives on the requirements for designing, deploying, and scaling computing infrastructure in response to the growing demand from AI and data workloads.
6	Kakao Talk/Naver (South Korea)	Representative of a digital platform company developing data- and AI-based services at scale; providing a perspective from a company that generates and utilizes data on the demand for computing capacity and digital infrastructure, and on how to connect data and AI with products and services for the market.
7	Unicorn FuriosaAI (South Korea)	FuriosaAI is an AI semiconductor company developing the RNGD accelerator chip for AI inference and Data Centers; RNGD entered mass production in 2026 and has been deployed by enterprise customers such as Samsung SDS and LG AI Research.
8	Mr. Felix Weidenkaff, Employment and Labour Market Policies Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO) in Viet	Expert in employment policies and labour market transformation, advising governments, employers' organizations, and workers' organizations; with over 10 years of experience at the ILO in the Asia-Pacific region and at ILO headquarters.

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9	U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City	U.S. diplomatic representative, well positioned to provide perspectives on Vietnam–U.S. cooperation in clean energy, high technology, and investment attraction. The two countries have established cooperation frameworks on energy transition, electricity market development, grid infrastructure, and private-sector mobilization for clean energy.
10	GE Vernova (United States)	A global energy technology group, with 2025 revenue of approximately USD 38 billion, whose technologies are involved in generating approximately 25% of global electricity output. Its portfolio spans power generation, wind energy, power grids, and electrification; with capabilities to directly serve the large-scale power needs of Data Centers.
11	Nebula Energy (United States)	An international energy infrastructure investor and developer focusing on LNG, power, and integrated energy projects. In Vietnam, Nebula owns/develops the Cai Mep LNG Terminal with a capacity of 3 million tonnes per year, expandable to 5 million tonnes, with the aim of supplying fuel to approximately 3 GW of power plants.
12	Ms. Bui Thanh Hang, Director of SoiHub Open Innovation Hub.	Expert in open innovation and technology ecosystem development, currently Project Director of SoiHub, an expert of the Policy and Strategy Committee at HCMC C4IR, and Vice Chair of the OITI Scientific Council. She focuses on promoting Government – Business – Academia collaboration, technology commercialization, and connecting domestic and international innovation resources.
13	Mr. Richard D. McClellan, Executive Director, Vietnam International Financial Center in Ho Chi Minh City (VIFC-HCMC).	International finance and investment expert, focusing on financial ecosystem development and connecting international financial institutions and investors.
14	Tongji University.	Tongji University is a leading Chinese university in urban planning, transportation, and engineering, providing perspectives on

		low-altitude economy infrastructure planning and the integration of low-altitude activities with urban, transportation, and logistics structures. dịch việt
15	Viettel Post	Viettel Post is a Vietnamese logistics company developing a nationwide delivery, warehousing, and logistics network; representing a business with practical challenges in transportation, network operations, and the potential for commercializing UAV applications in logistics.
16	Representative of the Vietnam Aerospace Association (VASA).	Representative of a specialized aerospace organization in Vietnam, connecting regulatory authorities, businesses, and experts in the development of aerospace technologies, applications, and ecosystems.
17	Mr Jed Royal, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Pickaxe Technologies (United States)	Jed Royal is the Chief Operating Officer of Pickaxe Technologies and a former senior U.S. Department of Defense official with experience in security cooperation and Indo-Pacific affairs. He is currently involved in the development of the Panday Pira Autonomous Park in the Philippines, an integrated hub for R&D, testing, training, and manufacturing of autonomous systems. Pickaxe Technologies is a U.S.-based technology company focused on the development, testing, training, and manufacturing of autonomous systems across air, ground, surface, and subsea domains. The company is developing the Panday Pira Autonomous Park in the Philippines, a dedicated autonomous systems industrial park spanning approximately 150 hectares. The park integrates R&D facilities, UAV test ranges, USV/UUV testing, training, and manufacturing, with the aim of building an ecosystem that connects technology companies, testing infrastructure, and industrial production capabilities.
18	HCMC C4IR	The Center was established through cooperation between the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee and the World Economic Forum (WEF) and is a member of WEF's global network of Centres for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR); focusing on developing policy frameworks, implementing pilot projects, and promoting public-private partnerships in the application of emerging technologies.
19	Saigontel	SaigonTel is a group with over 20 years of experience in technology

		– telecommunications and investment, developing industrial park infrastructure in various localities; SoiHub – the Open Innovation Center – is part of SaigonTel’s ecosystem.
20	Karpowership (Türkiye)	Karpowership, a member of Karadeniz Holding, owns and operates the world’s largest fleet of floating power plants (Powerships), with 45 vessels representing approximately 8,500 MW of installed capacity and operations across more than 20 countries. In addition to its LNG-to-Power model, Karpowership is expanding into AI infrastructure through Dataship, a floating data center platform integrated with power supplied by its Powerships. The company has also identified Vietnam as one of its priority markets in Asia.
21	MobiFone Corporation (MobiFone)	MobiFone Corporation (MobiFone) is one of Vietnam’s major telecommunications and digital technology enterprises, transitioning from a traditional telecommunications service provider into a provider of digital infrastructure and services. Alongside its 4G/5G telecommunications networks, MobiFone is expanding its capabilities in data centers, cloud computing, IoT, Big Data, and AI, building an integrated infrastructure layer for connectivity, data storage, and processing to serve the Government, businesses, and Vietnam’s digital economy.
22	Global Telecommunications Technology Corporation (GTEL)	Global Telecommunications Technology Corporation (GTEL) is an enterprise under Vietnam’s Ministry of Public Security, operating in the fields of technology, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure. GTEL focuses on developing capabilities in telecommunications infrastructure, data centers, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and digital platforms for digital transformation. By combining digital infrastructure with information security and cybersecurity capabilities, GTEL contributes to building secure and trusted digital infrastructure for critical systems, government agencies, businesses, and Vietnam’s digital economy.
23	PABLO AIR	PABLO AIR is a South Korean technology company specializing in UAV solutions and unmanned vehicle operation systems, with key capabilities in drone delivery, autonomous logistics, and fleet management. The company develops UAV coordination and control platforms designed to enable multi-vehicle operations across logistics, surveillance, and urban service applications.