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Company invites others to leverage its data centres equipped with latest NVIDIA chips

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AFTER investing about RM10 billion in artificial intelligence (AI) and related infrastructure, YTL Power International Bhd, a subsidiary of YTL Corporation Bhd, is calling on local companies to tap into these opportunities and leverage its growing AI ecosystem.

Executive director Yeoh Keong Hann said the group has built one of the world's largest data centre parks and invested heavily in high-performance graphics processing units (GPUs) and a proprietary large language model.

"We have 200 megawatts operational, and we can go up to 600 megawatts. We have the world's largest hyperscalers with us at our campus and a partnership with NVIDIA, which encompasses GPU chips."

He was speaking in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the conclusion of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's official visits to Italy, France and Brazil, as report-



A picture from the Prime Minister's Office showing leaders and delegates meeting on the final day of the BRICS Leaders' Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Monday. BERNAMA PIC

ed by Bernama.

YTL Power also has the world's fastest chips, the NVIDIA GB200 Blackwell, already installed in its Malaysian data centres, and they will be operational very soon, Yeoh said.

He added that Anwar fully recognises the transformative impact of AI on Malaysia's future and has encouraged the company to explore further investments in this area.

Yeoh revealed that YTL Power is preparing to launch Malaysia's first homegrown large-language model, known as ILMU I.O, and introduce Ryt Bank, the country's first AI-powered digital bank.

Yeoh said YTL Power values the government's support and opportunity to join this mission, which has highlighted strong global interest in the group's capabilities and technology.

He added that the delegation's meetings in Paris, Rome and Rio de Janeiro have created valuable opportunities for knowledge-sharing and collaboration.

YTL Power was among local companies in the business delegation accompanying Anwar on the trip, which began on July 1 to boost bilateral ties and strengthen trade and economic partnerships.

Other participants included Petroliaam Nasional Bhd

(Petronas), Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank), FGV Holdings Bhd and Khazanah Nasional Bhd.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported that Khazanah also held a series of meetings with France's and Italy's sovereign wealth funds to explore cross-border collaboration, particularly in AI.

According to Khazanah managing director Datuk Amirul Feisal Wan Zahir, the discussions focused on how companies from Malaysia, France and Italy can collaborate to address shared challenges and tap new market opportunities.

"We looked at how we can collaborate (with them) when it comes to technology innovation, and even some of the mid-tier companies that they have and that we have, and see how we can collaborate further."

"We realised that we were facing the same issues: how do we look at being globally competitive using AI and innovation, and how can we find new markets?"

Amirul Feisal noted that Khazanah has been partnering with Italy's Cassa di Risparmio di Roma for the past two years and with Bpifrance, France's public investment bank, for three years.

The visits to Rome, Paris and Rio de Janeiro were part of Malaysia's efforts to deepen diplomatic ties and expand trade with key partners. In 2023, total bilateral trade with Italy, France and Brazil reached RM50.91 billion (US\$11.14 billion).