

Logitech launches wireless gaming headset in Manila

LOGITECH Philippines, Inc. on Tuesday launched its Pro X 2 Lightspeed wireless gaming headset in the country.

“Building upon the success of its predecessor, the Pro X Wireless Headset, the Pro X 2 LIGHTSPEED aims to elevate gaming audio to new heights, combining cutting-edge technology with Logitech’s commitment to delivering top-tier peripherals,” the brand said in a statement.

“For gamers looking for no-nonsense, no-frills equipment during their MMO battles and MOBA PC games, this new wireless headset could be the one for you as it is style, utility, and comfort all rolled into one,” Logitech added.

The Pro X 2 Lightspeed gaming headset, priced at P13,799, features advanced audio technology, Logitech said. It has 50mm graphene drivers, which the brand said “delivers enhanced audio response, reduced distortion, and unrivaled sound.”

“The headset offers unprecedented audio clarity and precision. Gamers can expect rich, immersive soundscapes that allow them to hear every footstep, gunshot, and whisper with astonishing accuracy,” Logitech said.

The headset also has DTS Headphone:X 3D audio support, which creates a three-dimensional soundscape to simulate the direction and distance of in-game sounds for improved situational awareness while playing.

The Pro X 2 Lightspeed has an ergonomic design for improved comfort while playing. It has mem-



LIGHTSPEED WIRELESS

ory foam ear cushions, a rotating hinge, an adjustable headband, and is lightweight at just 345 grams. It is made of aluminum materials and has a steel frame.

Users can also switch between Bluetooth wireless connectivity and a 3.5mm wired connection, depending on their preference. For wireless use, the headset comes with up to 50 hours of battery life.

“The Pro X 2 also features a detachable and noise-cancelling Blue VO!CE microphone, which delivers studio-quality voice communication. This ensures that teammates can hear every command and strategy clearly, making collaboration in multiplayer games more effective than ever before,” Logitech said.

“Logitech’s commitment to sustainability is also reflected in the Pro X 2’s design. The headset

is constructed using eco-friendly materials, further underscoring the company’s dedication to reducing its environmental impact. With its blend of comfort, cutting-edge technology, and a focus on delivering a competitive advantage, the Pro X 2 looks set to become an indispensable tool for gamers seeking the ultimate audio experience,” it added.

The Pro X 2 Lightspeed is now available via Logitech’s official store on Shopee and partner outlets nationwide, namely PC Express, Silicon Valley, DataBlitz, Octagon, Electroworld, Complink, iTech, Techwarez, GameOne, Interpace Computer Systems, GameXtreme, TTI, GameOne, DynaQuest PC, Digi-Serv Solutions, Concept Computer, NUTECH, DFE (Davao Futurebright Enterprises), Villman, PCWorx, Abenson, DigiStore, and Greenware. — BVR

Guardrails for the future: A blueprint for governing artificial intelligence

By Dale Jose

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) is one of the most rapidly growing and most talked about technologies. Its momentum shows no signs of slowing down. With recent rapid developments, AI is on the path to becoming the most definitive and transformative technology in this generation. It is crucial for all sectors to speed up the work to manage this technology.

OPINION

In Microsoft’s report, *Governing AI: A Blueprint for the Future*, we offer some ideas and suggestions. These suggestions build on the lessons we’ve been learning based on the work we’ve been doing for several years. We’ve defined, published, and implemented ethical principles to guide our work. We’ve built out constantly, improving engineering and governance systems to put these principles into practice. Today, we have about 350 people working on responsible AI at Microsoft, helping us implement best practices for building safe, secure, and transparent AI systems designed to benefit society.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN CONDITION

The resulting advances in our approach have given us the capability and confidence to see ever-expanding ways for AI to improve people’s lives. We’ve seen AI help push progress in multiple fields and sectors. Moreover, other innovations are fending off cyberattacks and helping to protect fundamental human rights, even in nations afflicted by foreign invasion or civil war.

AI offers even more potential for the good of humanity than any invention that has preceded it. In fact, AI offers a new tool to genuinely help advance human learning and thought.

THE GUARDRAILS FOR THE FUTURE

While AI opens a world of new possibilities to help improve people’s lives, we must also be ready for the challenges that lie ahead with this new and evolving technology.

As technology moves forward, it’s just as important to ensure proper control over AI as it is to pursue its benefits. We are committed to develop and deploy AI in a safe and responsible way. We also recognize, however, that the guardrails needed for AI require a broadly shared sense

of responsibility and should not be left to technology companies alone.

When we at Microsoft adopted our six ethical principles for AI in 2018, we noted that one principle was the bedrock for everything else—accountability. This is the fundamental need: to ensure that machines remain subject to effective oversight by people, and the people who design and operate machines remain accountable to everyone else. In short, we must always ensure that AI remains under human control. This must be a first-order priority for technology companies and governments alike.

People who design and operate AI systems cannot be accountable unless their decisions and actions are subject to the rule of law. In many ways, this is at the heart of the unfolding AI policy and regulatory debate. How do governments best ensure that AI is subject to the rule of law? In short, what form should new law, regulation, and policy take?

A FIVE-POINT BLUEPRINT FOR THE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE OF AI

In Section One of *Governing AI: A Blueprint for the Future*, we offer a five-point framework to address several current and emerging AI issues through public policy, law, and regulation. We offer this recognizing that every part of this blueprint will benefit from broader discussion and require deeper development, but we hope this can contribute constructively to the work ahead.

First, implement and build upon new government-led AI safety frameworks. The best way to succeed is often to build on the successes and good ideas of others. In this instance, there is an important opportunity to build on work completed just four months ago by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). NIST has launched a new AI Risk Management Framework and we offer four concrete suggestions to implement and build upon this framework. We also believe the administration and other governments can accelerate momentum through procurement rules based on this framework.

Second, require effective safety brakes for AI systems that control critical infrastructure. This blueprint proposes new safety requirements that would create safety brakes

for AI systems that control the operation of designated critical infrastructure. These fail-safe systems would be part of a comprehensive approach to system safety that would keep effective human oversight, resilience, and robustness top of mind.

Third, develop a broad legal and regulatory framework based on the technology architecture for AI. We believe there will need for the law place various regulatory responsibilities upon different actors based upon their role in managing various aspects of AI technology. For this reason, this blueprint includes information about some of the critical pieces that go into building and using new generative AI models.

Fourth, promote transparency and ensure academic and nonprofit access to AI. We believe a critical public good is to advance transparency and broaden access to AI resources. Moreover, it is critical to expand access to AI resources for academic research and the nonprofit community.

Fifth, pursue new public-private partnerships to use AI as an effective tool to address the inevitable societal challenges that come with new technology. Important work is needed now to use AI to protect democracy and fundamental rights, provide broad access to the AI skills that will promote inclusive growth, and use the power of AI to advance the planet’s sustainability needs. It is crucial to develop concrete initiatives and bring organizations from all sectors together to advance them. We offer some initial ideas in this report, and we look forward to doing much more moving forward.

GOVERNING AI WITHIN MICROSOFT

Every organization that creates or uses advanced AI systems will need to develop and implement its own governance systems. In Section Two of *Governing AI: A Blueprint for the Future*, we describe the AI governance system within Microsoft—where we began, where we are today, and how we are moving into the future.

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Secretary to the Sanggunian ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES

Upon motion of Hon. R.A.Q. Saguisag, Jr., duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, by a unanimous vote, approved City Ordinance No. 2023-018 on third and final reading.

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-018

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AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING FEES IN SECURING CLEARANCES AND CERTIFIED TRUE COPIES ISSUED BY THE PEOPLE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD (PLEB), THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER V ARTICLE C OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2004-A-025, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED MAKATI REVENUE CODE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, Title IX of R.A. No. 8551, otherwise known as the “Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998” strengthened and established the People’s Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) which shall be the central receiving entity for any citizen’s complaint against the officers and members of the PNP;

WHEREAS, Section 66 of the same law amended Section 43 (a) of R.A. No. 6975 which provides that the sangguniang panlungsod/bayan in every city and municipality shall create such number of People’s Law Enforcement Boards (PLEBs) as may be necessary: Provided, that there shall be at least one (1) PLEB for every five hundred (500) city or municipal police personnel and for each of the legislative districts in a city;

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2017, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati enacted City Ordinance No. 2017-031 creating two (2) People’s Law Enforcement Boards (PLEBs) in the City of Makati;

WHEREAS, PLEB is a vital check and balance mechanism by which our law enforcers are held accountable to the people in the community where they serve thereby helping the Philippine National Police (PNP) in upholding confidence of the people in the police organization;

WHEREAS, PLEB, as part of its regulatory function, was also tasked to issue certification and clearances to members and officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and constituents (party of interest to the case filed) who are asking for authenticated copy of their records;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, in consideration of the expenses incurred by the city in rendering PLEB tasked services, finds that there is a need to impose fees to such services thereby amending Chapter V, Article C of City Ordinance No. 2004-A-025, otherwise known as the Revised Makati Revenue Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ENACTED AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, that:

Section 1. Service fees, as provided in the next Section, are hereby imposed for the issuance of clearances and certified true copies issued by the People’s Law Enforcement Board.

Section 2. Chapter V, Article C of City Ordinance No. 2004-A-025, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Article C. Police and PLEB Clearance Fees

SEC.5C.01. Police Clearance Fees. There shall be collected a service fee for each police clearance certificate issued as follows:

	Fees per Annum
(a) For employment, scholarships, study grants and other purposes not hereunder specified	P50.00
(b) For firearms permit application	P500.00
(c) For change of name	P50.00
(d) For passport or visa application	P400.00
(e) For application for Filipino citizenship	P500.00
(f) Seaman requirement	P200.00

SEC. 5C.02. PLEB Clearance Fees. There shall be collected a service fee for each PLEB Clearance issued as follows:

(a) Clearance	P100.00 per copy
(b) Authenticated Copy	P20.00 for each authenticated copy

SEC. 5C.03. Time of Payment. The service fees imposed in this Article shall be paid to the City Treasurer upon application for police clearance certificate and PLEB clearance.”

Section 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed separable. If any provision hereof should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid, other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Let copy of this Ordinance be furnished the Philippine National Police (PNP), Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, Law Department, Budget Department, Accounting Department, Finance Department, Peoples Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), Information and Community Relations Department (ICRD), Department of the Interior and Local Government – Makati City (DILG-Makati) and other departments, offices or agencies concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA, in its Regular Session held on 18 January 2023.

Attested by:

ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Certified true and correct by:

HON. MONIQUE YAZMIN MARIA Q. LAGDAMEO
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved by:

HON. MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY
City Mayor

Date of Approval: JAN 18 2023