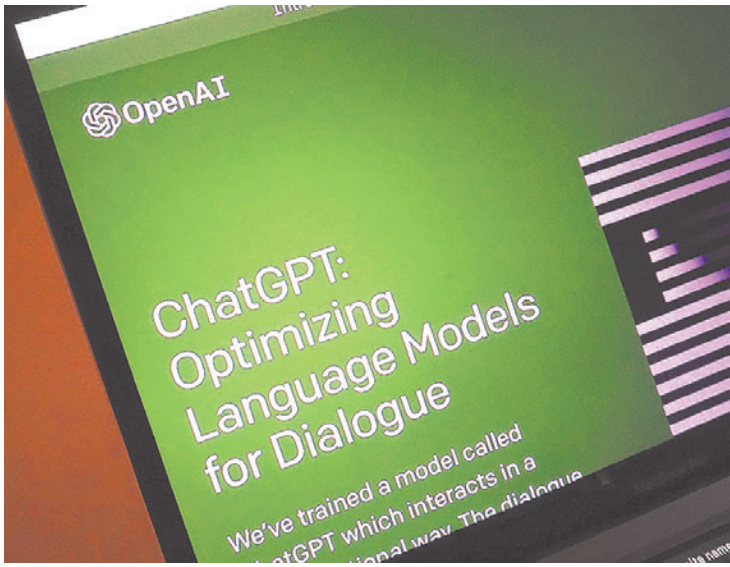




OpenAI releases open-weight reasoning language models optimized to run on laptops

SAN FRANCISCO — OpenAI said on Tuesday it has released two open-weight language models that excel in advanced reasoning and are optimized to run on laptops with performance levels similar to its smaller proprietary reasoning models.

An open-weight language model's trained parameters or weights are publicly accessible, which can be used by developers to analyze and fine-tune the model for specific tasks without requiring original training data.

“One of the things that is unique about open models is that people can run them locally. People can run them behind their own firewall, on their own infrastructure,” OpenAI co-founder Greg Brockman said in a press briefing.

Open-weight language models are different from open-source models, which provide access to the complete source code, training data and methodologies.

Separately, Amazon announced OpenAI's open-weight models are now available on its Bedrock generative artificial intelligence (AI) marketplace in Amazon Web Services (AWS). It marks the first time an OpenAI model has been offered on Bedrock, said Atul Deo, Bedrock's director of product.

“OpenAI has been developing great models and we believe that these models are going to be great open-source options, or open-weight model options for customers,” said Mr. Deo, in an interview. He declined to discuss any contractual arrangements between AWS and OpenAI.

Amazon shares tumbled last week after the company reported slowing growth in its AWS unit, particularly compared with rivals.

The landscape of open-weight and open-source AI models has been highly contested this year. For a time, Meta's Llama models were considered the best, but that changed earlier this year when China's DeepSeek released a powerful and cost-effective reasoning model, while Meta struggled to deliver Llama 4.

The two new OpenAI models are the first open models OpenAI has released since GPT-2, which was released in 2019.

OpenAI's larger model, gpt-oss-120b, can run on a single GPU, and the second, gpt-oss-20b, is small enough to run directly on a personal computer, the company said.

OpenAI said the models have similar performance to its proprietary reasoning models called o3-mini and o4-mini, and especially excel at coding, competition math and health-related queries.

The models were trained on a text-only dataset which in addition to general knowledge, focused on science, math and coding knowledge. OpenAI did not release benchmarks comparing the open-weight models to competitors' models such as the DeepSeek-R1 model.

Microsoft-backed OpenAI, currently valued at \$300 billion, is currently raising up to \$40 billion in a new funding round led by Softbank Group. — **Reuters**

World Network looking to tap Filipino developers for apps

WORLD NETWORK, the blockchain-based ecosystem co-founded by OpenAI Chief Executive Officer Sam Altman, is planning to expand its presence in the Philippines by partnering with local developers to build apps to secure digital spaces amid the rising threats brought by growing artificial intelligence (AI) adoption.

“The Philippines has one of the world's most digitally engaged populations. We're excited to work with developers and partners here to co-create Mini Apps, designed by Filipinos for Filipinos, that promote trust and usability online,” World Network Chief Product Officer at Tools for Humanity Tiago Sada said in a roundtable interview last week.

Tools for Humanity or the team behind World Network is planning to tap local developers to create a more secure and reliable digital space amid rising AI-driven scams and identity theft, Mr. Sada said.

“By tapping into local developer networks, World aims to build products that are not only technically robust but also culturally and economically relevant — bridging gaps in trust, access, and inclusion,” the company said.

World Network's Mini Apps allows third-party developers to create applications within its network while enabling secure access to various digital networks.

“With a young, digitally savvy population and a growing middle class eager for new technologies and financial tools, World App's Mini Apps ecosystem is quickly gaining traction. We're happy to collaborate with local developers and technologists to build new Mini Apps created by Filipinos,” Mr. Sada said.

Cybersecurity company Netskope said in a recent report that Philippine organizations that rely on software-as-a-service (SaaS) applications must adopt policies to protect their

data as AI-driven platforms gain traction, as cloud apps are the top phishing target in Asia, with 5.5 out of every 1,000 individuals clicking on phishing links monthly.

Two SaaS apps, Microsoft 365 and DocuSign, account for a combined 64% of all cloud phishing links clicked in Asia, Netskope said.

In April, World Network said it is planning to introduce its secure and anonymous device WorldID in the Philippines to help combat the rising number of cyberthreats and deepfakes.

WorldID's verification device Orb is a tool that captures and processes photos to verify human identity, encrypts the data, and stores it on users' phones.

The company has said that it targets to roll out this device in the country within the year and is also planning to conduct pilot testing of the product in two cities in the capital region. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

What are VPNs and will they threaten online safety?

APPS that disguise a user's location have surged in popularity after the UK introduced age-verification rules as part of its Online Safety Act.

The new restrictions, which went into effect in late July and aim to prevent children from accessing harmful material on the internet, require “age assurance” systems to be implemented across thousands of websites that contain adults-only content. These include pornography sites, dating apps and social media platforms such as Reddit and TikTok.

But it seems that many Britons are reticent to hand over a credit card number or other identification credentials to prove they're over the age of 18, and are instead opting to use a “virtual private network” (VPN) to make it look like they're in a different country. As of Aug. 4, VPNs comprised four of the top 10 most downloaded free apps on Apple, Inc.'s App Store in the UK.

VPNs aren't just a challenge for the UK's ambitious new effort to govern the internet and keep children safe. As regulators around the world pass rules aimed

at reining in access to content on the web — whether to protect kids from harmful posts, suppress speech or restrict access to social media — users are rushing to find tools to subvert such controls.

WHAT IS A VPN?

Whenever you use the internet, your connection is assigned a unique set of numbers called an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

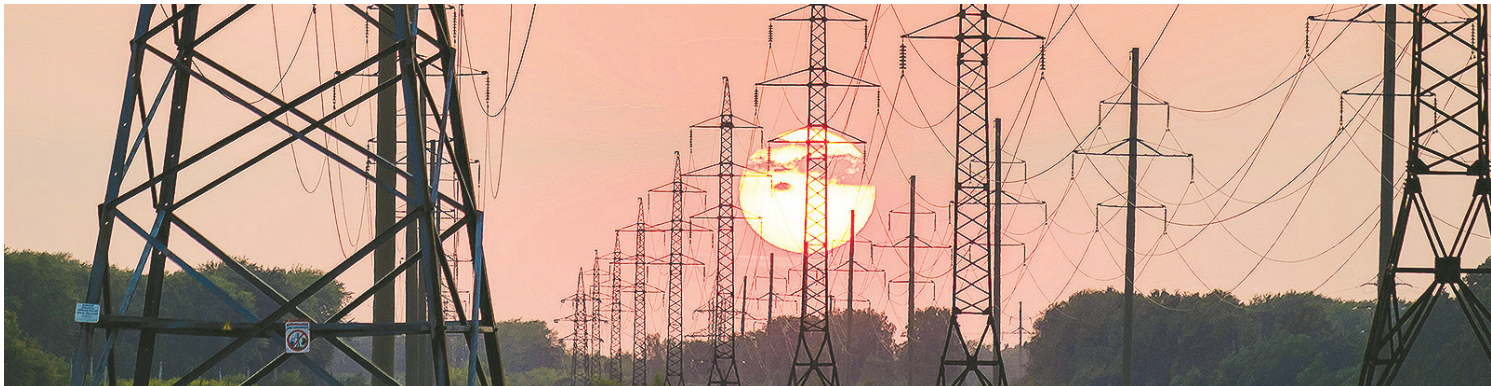
A VPN is basically a digital mask that disguises that IP address. It's a piece of software that hides what you're looking at online and where you're looking from. It does so by routing your internet traffic through an encrypted “tunnel” to the VPN provider's servers elsewhere in the world.

If you're browsing the web in London, for example, a VPN can make it appear to an internet service provider and government authorities that you're surfing online from Barcelona. If someone were to intercept your internet traffic, it would appear as unreadable encrypted code. — **Bloomberg**

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July WESM rates rise on thin supply margin

ELECTRICITY PRICES on the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) rose 3.1% in July as supply margins thinned, the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP) said on Wednesday.

IEMOP reported that the WESM system-wide average price of power was P3.99 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in July, against P3.86 per kWh a month earlier.

Between June 26 and July 25, the available supply decreased 3.2% month on month to 20,754 megawatts (MW). Demand fell 5% to 13,812 MW.

The WESM rate in Luzon increased 0.4% to P3.92 per kWh, with supply declining 3.6% to 14,540 MW and demand falling 6.6% to 9,710 MW.

“Despite higher supply margin there was a slight increase in price due to the limited flow of the HVDC (high voltage direct current) from the Visayas to Luzon,” IEMOP said.

The market operator said the spot price in the Visayas rose 11.7% to P4.39 per kWh in July from P3.93 per kWh in the previous month.

Supply fell 4% to 2,530 MW while demand dropped 1.8% to 1,998 MW.

Power rates in Mindanao increased 7.2% to P3.80 per kWh from P3.54 per kWh a month earlier.

The grid's available supply decreased 1% to 3,685 MW. Demand grew 0.4% to 2,104 MW.

IEMOP said that the price increase was due to the limited HVDC flows and coal plant outages, leading to high-cost generators clearing the market.

“Having a limited power flow from Mindanao to the Visayas and from the Visayas to Luzon, and with cheaper plants on outage... resulted to higher energy prices across the regions,” IEMOP said.

For the August supply month, the market operator is expecting an increase in the WESM price with several power plants going on forced outage, affecting supply.

“We expect increase in price, but hopefully it won't be as high as it was last year,” Isidro Cacho, Jr., IEMOP's head of corporate strategy and communications, said in a virtual briefing.

Since Aug. 4, the Visayas grid has been on yellow alert due to

Visayas grid yellow alert continues for third day

THE Visayas grid has been placed under yellow alert for a third consecutive day after power plants went on forced outage, limiting the system's contingency reserves, according to the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP).

In an advisory early Wednesday, the NGCP said the yellow alert was raised over the Visayas grid between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Peak demand was 2,538 megawatts (MW) while available capacity was 2,369 MW.

The grid operator attributed the declaration of the yellow alert to high system demand and several plants either derated in capacity or going on forced outage, with 725.2 MW lost to the grid.

A yellow alert is issued when the operating margin is insufficient to meet the transmission grid's contingency requirement. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**

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“So our fearless projection is that (the price) will range between P4.50 and P5 per kWh on average. Earlier, we did some calculations and saw a 40-centavo increase for the Visayas, in particular,” Mr. Cacho said.

Meanwhile, power prices in Luzon will be more or less unchanged, while rates in Mindanao may increase between 27 to 28 centavos.

IEMOP operates the WESM, where energy companies can purchase power when their long-term contracted power supply is insufficient for customer needs. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**

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Nature of Business: Information and Communication

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Job Position: Vice President - Operations

Job Description:

- Oversee and the execution of business initiatives and activities in support of business area aims
- Participate in business planning activities which may include financial, technological and resource planning
- Facilitate & support senior management decision making by the use of management information, performance information, analytics, forums, stakeholder feedback and HSBC strategy
- Participation in forums and committees to represent view of business area
- Participation in devising and monitoring of internal governance activities
- Investigating and seeking remedies for discrete issues which may be adversely affecting business unit performance
- Working with external service providers to manage or evaluate their provision, monitor their performance and ensure service level agreements are “honoured”

Basic Qualifications for the Position:

- Must be a graduate of any business-related courses with more than 10 years of experience
- Can manage 3 areas such as migration support, overseeing operations and re-engineering
- Self-motivated individuals with excellent product knowledge
- Hands-on experience in managing global settlement operations (middle & back office).
- Knowledge of products – Equities, Fixed Income and Derivatives MUST
- Knowledge of Structured products and Structured Notes is preferable.
- Experience in an international banking / investment services organization is REQUIRED
- Understanding of Risk and Control environment in a Settlements operations REQUIRED
- A demonstrated track record of leading large Operations teams in an international banking environment.
- Extensive experience in, and understanding of, core banking and investments operations
- Extensive Operational Risk / Business Control Management experience.
- Strong experience in Change / Project management / transformation.
- Ability to interact cross-culturally with individuals at all levels of seniority, with strong cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Excellent relationship management skills, with a proven ability to engage stakeholders and effectively manage conflicting priorities.
- Be able to determine, monitor and interpret key metrics (KRI and KPI) and identify issues where they exist.
- Ability to develop and guide an Operations team, putting in place key initiatives as required.

Monthly Salary: PHP 450,000 – PHP 550,000

Workplace Address: Quezon City

- Name of Foreign National: Paul Doherty
- Nationality: British
- City of Residence: Paranaque City
- Duration of Employment: 2 years

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Career Opportunity in Orico Auto Finance Philippines Inc.

1 Vacancy

Company Name and Address	ORICO AUTO FINANCE PHILIPPINES INC. Unit 2104 The Podium West Tower, 12 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Barangay Wack-Wack, Greenhills East, 1550 Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila
Contact details of the Company	Kristine M. Tomas kristine.tomas@orico.ph
Job Title	Director / Compliance Officer
Job Description:	- STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT: SET AND APPROVE THE COMPANY'S VISION, MISSION, AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLANS. - GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE: ENSURE ADHERENCE TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STANDARDS, COMPANY BY-LAWS, AND LEGAL REGULATIONS (E.G., SEC, AMLA, DATA PRIVACY ACT, BIR). - FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: REVIEW AND APPROVE BUDGETS, FINANCIAL REPORTS, MAJOR TRANSACTIONS, AND ENSURE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. - EXECUTIVE SUPERVISION: APPOINT AND OVERSEE CORPORATE OFFICERS; EVALUATE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE. - RISK ASSESSMENT & MITIGATION: IDENTIFY COMPLIANCE RISKS, CONDUCT AUDITS, AND RECOMMEND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS. - TRAINING & AWARENESS: CONDUCT COMPLIANCE TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES AND MANAGEMENT.
Basic Qualification	- RISK ASSESSMENT & MITIGATION: IDENTIFY COMPLIANCE RISKS, CONDUCT AUDITS, AND RECOMMEND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS. - COMMUNICATES IN NATIVE LEVEL OF JAPANESE AND BUSINESS LEVEL OF ENGLISH - HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING AT A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND/OR KNOWLEDGE OF OVERALL MANAGEMENT - PRACTICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY - EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR A JAPANESE COMPANY OR JAPANESE-AFFILIATED COMPANY - KNOWLEDGE OR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE - EXPERIENCE NEGOTIATING WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES SUCH AS AUDIT FIRMS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ETC.
Monthly Salary Range	PHP PHP 380,000 – 450,000
Workplace Address	Mandaluyong
Name of Foreign National	EIGO YOSHIOKA
City of Residences	Taguig City
Nationality	Japanese
Duration of Employment	1 year

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Career Opportunity in KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

Position title: Technical Manager

Job Description:

- Sourcing applicants (internal/external, direct/via agents), screening applicants, preparation of selection process, coordination and participation in interviews, facilitating final decision and preparation of the employment offer.
 - Coordinates the technical handling requirements
 - Ensures environment, labour, health and safety policies are followed
 - Ensures the staff concerned are working in accordance with EASA part-66, KLM and other operator procedures
 - Organizes and monitors the technical performance of the station and staff, including TCP.
 - Organizes all local support processes (facilities, tools and equipment and technical documents, permits etc.)
 - Supports and coaches Mechanics and Ground Engineers in their development
 - Translate production area objectives into station objectives
 - Establishes and maintains relations with local airline representatives to discuss a.o. technical performance
- Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):
- Proven experience in aircraft technical operations
 - Strong leadership and team management skills
 - In-depth knowledge of EASA Part-66 regulations and aviation safety standards.
 - Experience in audit management and compliance.
 - Excellent communication and problem-solving abilities.
 - Financial acumen and experience in budget planning and execution.

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Company Name: KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Complete address: Penthouse Wilcon IT Hub, 2251 Don Chino Rocas Ave., Bangkok, Makati City Nature of business: Air Transport/Common Carrier	Name: Shashi Sundram Address: Makati City Nationality: Malaysian Intended period of employment: Two (2) years

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