

Xiaomi’s new smart home devices now in the Philippines

XIAOMI CORP. has launched in the Philippines new smart home devices enabled by artificial intelligence (AI).

The Mijia Smart Air Purifier 6 (P9,899), the Xiaomi Outdoor Camera CW100 Dual (P2,199), and the Xiaomi Robot Vacuum S40 Pro (P14,499) are now available on the brand’s official Shopee and Lazada stores.

“This new suite of devices is more than just a collection of gadgets; it’s a foundation for a smarter, more responsive home. By combining high-performance engineering with intuitive design, Xiaomi empowers homeowners, renters, and tech enthusiasts to create an environment that is intelligent, connected, and personalized to their needs,” Xiaomi said.

Meanwhile, its latest lineup of indoor cameras, namely the Xiaomi Smart Camera C201 (P1,199), C500 (P2,399), and C701 (P2,799), is now available on its official Shopee store and will also be sold on its Lazada store soon.

“With its latest lineup of smart cameras, Xiaomi makes protection simple and smart — giving families, pet owners, and small business owners the confidence of reliable monitoring that fits their lifestyle.”

The Xiaomi Robot Vacuum S40 Pro has a 15,000-Pascal suction and dual extended mechanical arms that allow it to capture dust and debris even from hard-to-reach areas. It also has LDS laser navigation and an ultra-wide structured light system for routing and has a smart carpet recognition feature.

Meanwhile, the Mijia Smart Air Purifier 6 has an upgraded five-sensor system for better air quality monitoring and built-in UVC sterilization and filtration to get rid of airborne contaminants. It features an LCD color display.

Lastly, the Xiaomi Outdoor Camera CW100 Dual has a dual-camera system made up of two lenses and dual screens. Its advanced AI detection feature provides dual-view monitoring.

“Each device is a key component of Xiaomi’s integrated AIoT (AI of Things) platform, allowing them to work together seamlessly. The robot vacuum can be programmed to clean a room as soon as the air purifier’s sensors detect a decrease in air quality, or you can use your voice with Google Home or Alexa to check the status of your security cam-

era,” the brand said. “This interconnectedness allows for automation and control, transforming your home into a truly responsive ecosystem that anticipates your needs, giving you a cleaner, safer, and more convenient life.”

SMART CAMERAS

Meanwhile, Xiaomi’s latest lineup of indoor smart cameras is designed for users’ different needs and budgets.

“All three models work seamlessly with the Xiaomi Home app for a quick setup, flexible storage options (microSD, cloud, or network-attached storage), and easy control from your smartphone. They are also compatible with Google Assistant and Alexa, making them part of a smarter, more connected home.”

The Xiaomi Smart Camera C201’s features include 1080P Full HD video, AI motion and pet detection with real-time alerts, two-way talk with five-meter sound pickup, infrared and full-color night vision, a privacy shield to hide the lens when not in use, an MJAI chip with bank-level encryption for data protection, and dual pan-tilt rotation for a wider viewing angle. It is ideal for everyday home monitoring of kids, the elderly, or pets.

Meanwhile, the C500 is recommended for those residing in condominiums or larger homes, as well as small business owners as it offers wider coverage and smarter connectivity. It has a 6-megapixel (MP) resolution camera, dual-band Wi-Fi 6 for stable streaming, AI human and pet tracking with instant notifications, ultra-low-light color mode and infrared night vision, as well as a privacy lens shield.

Lastly, C701 is a premium smart camera as it has an 8MP 4K UHD resolution lens with HDR for clearer, more detailed imaging. It also comes with advanced AI monitoring features like baby cry alerts, noise detection, smoke and fire detection, human tracking, and pet monitoring.

The camera offers a 360-degree panoramic view with 111-degree tilt to ensure no blind spots. It comes with ultra-low-light color and infrared night vision, dual-band Wi-Fi 6 for smooth connectivity, intelligent cruise modes for automated surveillance, and is capable of two-way voice calls. — **BVR**

Zoom unveils new digital assistant tool powered by agentic AI

ZOOM Communications, Inc. unveiled the AI Companion 3.0, a digital assistant tool now powered by agentic artificial intelligence (AI) that can retrieve enterprise knowledge, notetaking, and autonomously managing meetings, aimed at improving the experience on the platform.

The video conferencing platform said AI Companion 3.0 promises to transform work on Zoom by providing a proactive digital assistant across Zoom Workplace, Zoom Business, and compatible third-party platforms.

It was officially launched last week during Zoomtopia 2025, the company’s annual flagship conference.

“Our customers’ most important conversations happen on Zoom, and now those conversations can result in critical insights to fuel real progress,” Eric S. Yuan, founder and chief executive officer of Zoom Communications, Inc., said in a statement.

“With AI Companion 3.0, our agentic AI can understand users’ specific context, priorities, and goals to help them cut through the noise, focus on what matters most, and drive meaningful business outcomes,” he added.

Using agentic AI, it can retrieve and synthesize internal and external knowledge, optimize notetaking, manage meetings autonomously, and offer actionable insights to help users save time and deliver higher-quality work.

AI Companion 3.0 also features a new work surface in browsers and the Zoom desktop app, consolidating information into a seamless, context-aware AI experience.

Zoom also introduced advanced AI features across its platform, including lifelike meeting avatars, real-time voice translation, and tools that let users generate clips from presentations.

For businesses, the new Custom AI Companion allows organizations to create tailored AI agents, while Zoom Business Services adds AI-driven capabilities to enhance customer experience, automate tasks, and support smarter sales outreach.

Zoom said that AI Companion 3.0 is set to be generally available in November 2025 for paid Zoom Workplace accounts at no additional cost. Meanwhile, the Custom AI Companion add-on will be available for \$12 per user per month. — **Edg Adrian A. Eva**

Many businesses ill-equipped to fight AI-driven cyberattacks

OVER 60% of information technology (IT) leaders from companies worldwide said they are not adequately equipped against more sophisticated forms of cybercrime, a study by Lenovo found, highlighting a security gap amid the increase in attacks driven by artificial intelligence (AI).

Lenovo’s third Work Reborn Research Series report titled “Reinforcing the Modern Workplace” said 65% of IT leaders admitted that their current capabilities are outdated and unable to withstand AI-enabled threats, and only 31% said they feel confident about defending against these kinds of cybercrime.

The company surveyed 600 enterprise IT leaders from companies with at least 1,000 employees and from a range of sectors in April and May, with respondents coming from the United States (17%), Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, India, Japan, Singapore, Brazil, Mexico (8% each), Australia (4%), and New Zealand (4%).

The report also showed that 90% of IT leaders are not very confident in their ability to address the risks arising from cybercriminals using AI.

“AI has changed the balance of power in cybersecurity. To keep up, organizations need intelligence that adapts as fast as the threats. That means fighting AI with AI,” said Rakshit Ghura, vice-president & general manager, Lenovo Digital Workplace Solutions. “With intelligent, adaptive defenses, IT leaders can protect their people, assets, and data while unlocking AI’s full potential to drive business forward.”

Lenovo said that while AI is enabling businesses to improve their operational efficiency, the rapid development of these technologies has also fueled advancements in cyberattacks.

“The advance of generative AI has supercharged cybercriminal strategies, enabling hyper-agile attacks. Modern AI-driven threats can mimic legitimate behavior, mutate to avoid detection, and span multiple domains — from cloud to endpoints, applications, and data repositories,” it said.

“This underscores the critical need for enterprises to adopt AI-driven strategies that can counter threats that learn, adapt, and evolve in real time.”

Among the top concerns of enterprise IT leaders are AI-powered external threats, including malware, phishing, and deepfakes that are faster, more convincing, and harder to detect.

AI has also increased insider risks, it said. “70% of IT leaders surveyed see employee misuse of AI as a major risk, and more than 60% say AI agents create a new class of insider threat they are unprepared to manage.”

It added that AI models, training data, and prompts have become high-value targets for cybercriminals that need to be protected to avoid manipulation and compromise.

Lenovo said it is important to secure AI-enabled workspaces to enable businesses to harness the benefits of their investments in these technologies.

“[When] organizations trust their AI security foundations, they unlock productivity, lower costs, and accelerate adoption of AI-powered digital workplace solutions,” it said.

“With AI tools proliferating beyond IT’s visibility and attackers exploiting gaps traditional systems can’t recognize, Lenovo is delivering the AI-powered defenses enterprises need to close the gap, turning risk into resilience and enabling workplaces that are protected, productive, and future-ready,” Mr. Ghura said.

Businesses must recognize emerging AI threats from external sources and re-evaluate their security systems and reduce human vulnerabilities, Lenovo said.

They should also identify weak points in their in-house AI systems and practices by establishing clear AI usage policies, auditing access rights, and securing their AI development lifecycle.

To do these, businesses need to address barriers to integrating AI with cybersecurity, which the leaders surveyed said include complex IT environments, the lack of skilled cybersecurity staff, and cost or budget constraints.

Lenovo said its offerings include AI-native defenses that are designed to spot threats earlier, adapt in real time, and scale across the modern workplace, even at the device level.

Its Digital Workplace Solutions aim to improve cyber resilience through Lenovo Security Services with ThinkShield that deliver protection for endpoints, data, applications, and employees at enterprise scale.

“Lenovo Cyber Resiliency as a Service offers managed services to help organizations monitor, detect, and respond to cyber incidents, reducing downtime and strengthening resilience,” it added. — **BVR**



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