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CNA - Focus Taiwan (2012/10/11) A forum on the cloud computing industry opened in Taipei on October 11, attracting local experts, industry representatives and government officials, as well as many from elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East.

Hosted by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the annual Taipei Summit, now in its eighth year, is focusing this year on future trends and applications in cloud computing technology, which is seen as a paradigm shift in the information technology industry, the organizers said.

The two-day event features speeches by experts and scholars from Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand and Taiwan, according to the Taiwan External Trade Development Council, one of the organizers.

"Through this event, we hope to bring together industry leaders from home and abroad to promote a common consensus on cloud applications that will help accelerate the development of the global computing industry," Vice Economics Minister Shih-chao CHO said during his opening remarks.

Cloud computing is one of the key areas of a government industrial restructuring plan that is aimed at maintaining Taiwan's global competitiveness, CHO added.

The government announced in 2010 that it would invest NT$24 billion (US$804 million) over five years in the cloud computing sector with the aim of creating a trillion-Taiwan dollar industry.

Michi SUGAWARA, Head of Japanese Fujitsu's Global Portfolio Management Unit, supported the view, saying that he also sees great potential in information technology services.

Businesses should first find opportunities and then cooperate, as the cloud is so big that it needs huge investment, SUGAWARA said. One vendor cannot do everything and collaboration is a must, he added.

Yeali SUN, Chief Director of National Taiwan University's Computer and Information Networking Center, touted the cloud services her school provides to some 40,000 students and faculty members.

In addition to improving administrative efficiency and enhancing Internet security, the services can also save energy and help integrate software usage on and off campus, SUN said.

Following the start of collaboration with Asustek Computer Inc. in April, the university has provided various applications to meet the needs of different colleges, she added.

"Cloud computing is not enough. We need cloud services," Sun said, adding that there must be a business model to sustain the development.

The forum is taking place at the Taipei World Trade Center Nangang Exhibition Hall in tandem with the first-ever Taiwan International Cloud Technology and Internet of Things Show from October 9-12, the organizers said.

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