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China's Alibaba DAMO Academy partners with WHO to advance medical AI

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To bring the benefits of medical AI to more developing countries



China-headquartered DAMO Academy, Alibaba Group's research institute, has announced its partnership with the WHO Collaborating Center on Digital Health to advance innovations in digital health and bring the benefits of medical AI to more developing countries.

As the first of its kind in the Western Pacific region, the WHO Collaborating Center on Digital Health supports WHO in digital health information exchange, scientific research, international standards and technical training with its member countries.

Under the partnership, they will leverage their respective resources to conduct research and provide advisory in the fields of digital health, artificial intelligence (AI), industrial development to support international organizations such as the World Health Organization and the International Telecommunication Union.

Given the inter-disciplinary nature of AI and digital health, they will also jointly conduct training related to medicine, engineering, digital health, artificial intelligence, industrial development, and other areas to help both parties cultivate professional talents with comprehensive capabilities in the field of digital health.

The WHO Collaborating Center on Digital Health will also leverage its resource to help DAMO Academy bring the benefits of medical AI to more developing countries, actively advance the international outreach of digital health, and promote health and wellness through technology.

Photo Caption: Dr. Le Lu, Head of DAMO Academy's medical AI