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KDDI Acquires Land and Buildings of Sharp Sakai Plant for AI Data Center #Business #DX (Digital Transformation) #Data & AI

KDDI Corporation Tokyo, April 4, 2025—KDDI has signed an agreement with Sharp Corporation to acquire the land and buildings of the Sharp Sakai Plant, with the aim of building an AI data center. KDDI plans to begin operations at the data center by the end of fiscal year 2025. Named the Osaka Sakai Data Center, it will be equipped to rapidly develop large-scale generative AI models with trillions of parameters, by deploying the latest GPU platform, including the NVIDIA GB200 NVL72. The Osaka Sakai Data Center will support KDDI's generative AI and other AI-related initiatives, and will be made available to companies and organizations through WAKONX, a business platform designed for the AI era. The data center will use the latest power and liquid-cooling technologies to reduce power consumption, and will only use electricity completely generated from renewable energy, to reduce its environmental impact. ■Overview of Osaka Sakai Data Center

Cooling system Hybrid of direct liquid cooling and air cooling system Environmental responsibility Uses 100% Renewable Energy GPU use purposes Provided to corporate customers: General-purpose AI services for customers across various industries Specialized AI services to solve industry-specific challenges Platform services for developers of AI models and applications GPU resource services for computer power provisioning

(Reference)

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WAKONX is a brand created from the concept of speeding up Japanese digitization to realize KDDI VISION 2030, "Creating a society in which anyone can make their dreams a reality by enhancing the power to connect." It is a business platform for the AI era and has three functional layers. WAKONX is used to design and build optimized networks and accumulate, integrate, and analyze data. With WAKONX we also provide services and solutions that incorporate AI, optimized for each industry, to support the business growth of our corporate customers and the resolution of social issues.

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