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**PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO CREATE OVER 16,000 JOBS FOR CANADIANS**

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced an investment of up to nearly \$230 million for the AI-Powered Supply Chains Supercluster (SCALE.AI) based in Quebec. The investment is expected to create more than 16,000 jobs and add more than \$16 billion to our economy over 10 years. The funding will be matched dollar-for-dollar by private sector partners. The government of Québec also announced an investment of \$60 million to support the ini-

tiative. SCALE.AI brings the retail, manufacturing, transportation, infrastructure, and information and communications technology sectors together to build intelligent supply chains through artificial intelligence and robotics. This supercluster is helping Canadian small and medium-sized businesses take advantage of new opportunities, and positioning Canada as a global export leader. The Prime Minister made the announcement while deliver-

ing remarks at the G7 Multistakeholder Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Montréal, Quebec. The conference brought together over 150 technology leaders, academic experts, members of civil society, and government officials from G7 countries, including Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Navdeep Bains, France's Secretary of State for Digital Affairs Mounir Mahjoubi, and Quebec's Minister of Economy and Innovation

Pierre Fitzgibbon. Together, they discussed the opportunities and challenges that stem from advancements in artificial intelligence, and explored ways to collaborate on the responsible use of artificial intelligence and harness its economic and social potential. During the conference, Prime Minister Trudeau, alongside Minister Bains and Secretary Mahjoubi, discussed the International Panel on Artificial Intelligence being created by Canada and France, which will become a global point of reference for understanding and sharing research results on artificial intelligence. The Panel will support and guide the responsible development of artificial intelligence that is grounded in human rights, inclusion, diversity, innovation, and economic growth. It will also facilitate international collaboration with the scientific community, industry, civil society, related international organizations, and governments.

Prime Minister Trudeau also highlighted the Government of Canada's \$950 million support for the Innovation Superclusters Initiative. The investment is expected to create more than 50,000 middle class jobs and grow Canada's economy by \$50 billion over the next 10 years.

Artificial intelligence has the potential to unlock unprecedented social and economic benefits, and keep our workers and our industries competitive in a rapidly changing economy. As a global leader in innovation, Canada is harnessing new technologies like artificial intelligence to shape a better future for all our citizens.

Quotes  
 "Today's announcement is an important step toward making Canada an export and AI leader. Our government launched an ambitious strategy to keep this sector competitive in the long term, and support Canada's innovators. Together, we can build an

innovation economy – one that benefits everyone and provides new opportunities for the middle class to succeed."  
 —The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

"From farmers increasing their crop yield to citizens accessing health services, artificial intelligence has the potential to improve the life of every Canadian. Our government's focus is providing businesses with the support they need to thrive and create jobs, equipping Canadians with the tools to seize these opportunities, and ensuring AI advancements reflect Canadians' values."

—The Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

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