

Govt's digital transformation agenda receives boost ... as PAIX Data Centres expands operations

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EFFORTS to promote the digital transformation agenda of the government have received a boost with the launch of the expanded data centre of PAIX Data Centres, a leading Pan-African developer and operator of data centres.

The \$30 million facility in Accra has been expanded to 1.2 megawatt in a critical boost to the digital economy that will support connectivity and economic growth.

Africa50, the pan-African infrastructure investor and asset manager, invested over \$30 million in growth equity in PAIX Data Centres to support the company's expansion into new markets and upgrade current facilities.

The expanded PAIX data centre, now one of the largest in Ghana, will help internet service providers (ISPs), cloud providers, and enterprises fully take advantage of robust digital infrastructure and improved connectivity, enabling the African business community to thrive in the digital era.

Speaking at the launch in Accra



• Mr Acheampong (third right) and Mr Hasnani (third left) with other dignitaries after the programme

on Tuesday, the Deputy Minister of Communications and Digitalisation, Charles Acheampong, lauded Africa50 for the investment in the data centre, saying it would help to create jobs, technology transfer and boost the country's data services delivery.

He said the expansion was in line with the digital agenda of the government to expand data services across the country to boost the country's digital economy.

Mr Acheampong said data was now the new gold and was critical for evidence-based decision and planning.

The Deputy Minister said the government had invested massively in the data and digital sector as part of efforts to position the country as the data hub in Africa.

Mr Acheampong entreated the private sector to collaborate with the government to expand and extend digital services to the underserved and difficult-to-reach communities.

The Managing Director and Head of Infrastructure at Africa50 and Chairman of the Board of PAIX, Raza Hasnani, said, "We share a deep conviction that high quality, sustainable infrastructure

transforms economies and societies. Our over \$30 million equity investment in PAIX Data Centres is part of our broader strategy to create the connectivity required to accelerate Africa's digital transformation. We are proud that PAIX Data Centres is expanding and adopting best in class sustainability practices."

He said there was the need for more data centres in Africa, saying it was estimated that only between 10 per cent and 30 per cent of effective data centre demand in sub-Saharan Africa was being serviced today.

The Managing Director of PAIX Data Centres Ghana, Bright Tawiah, said: "This expansion reaffirms our dedication to providing best-in-class data centre solutions to our customers in Accra and beyond. As one of Africa's digital economy hotspots, Accra plays a vital role in driving innovation and growth across various industries. We are proud to be at the forefront of this transformation, enabling businesses to thrive in today's increasingly connected world."

He said the upgraded facility boasts of state-of-the-art infrastructure and robust security measures, ensuring optimal performance and reliability for mission-critical applications and services.

"The strategic location in Accra offers low latency connectivity to major regional and international network routes and subsea cables, further enhancing its services' overall efficiency and performance. Africa50's investment in PAIX Data Centres is part of a growing portfolio of digital infrastructure assets that will drive growth in Africa's digital economy," Mr Tawiah stated.