

# SLT Akaza Adds Intelligent Cloud With Microsoft Azure Stack



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Sri Lanka Telecom is delighted to announce its latest achievement, the addition of Intelligent Cloud to SLT Akaza Cloud family with the privilege of Microsoft partnership.

Intelligent Cloud services via the Azure Stack platform will be implemented at SLT Tier III Data Centre in Pitipana. In order to supply an efficient outcome, Stack is built on hyper converged infrastructure provided by Cisco and recommended by Microsoft plus. The facility is certified to run Azure stack and PCI/DSS compliance.

Consistent Azure platform as a service capability (PaaS) would allow hybrid deployment choice and portability to cloud applications. It is the expectation of SLT to run fully-managed PaaS, serverless computing, distributed micro service architectures, container management on-premises and intelligent edge computing services with IoT HUB. Meanwhile, Azure Stack Infrastructure as a service delivery (IaaS) exceeds traditional virtualization, with virtual machine scale sets allowing a rapid deployment with true auto scaling for modern workloads.

Kiththi Perera, CEO of SLT commented on the launch of the Intelligent Cloud. It is the first ever Azure Stack deployment of this kind in Sri Lanka and further, it is the first ever deployment by a telecommunication benefactor in the South East Asian region.

“Azure Stack is an extension of Azure and offers real cloud experience with consistency, solves data residency problems and connectivity latency issues. ISV scan is now on-board and start selling apps with Azure Stack and experience the

enhanced agility and innovation of cloud computing to on-premises environments,” stated Janaka Abeysinghe, the Chief Enterprise and Wholesale Officer, SLT.

Subsequently, with this newest introduction for the betterment of enterprise, customers, transferring capital infrastructure cost to operational cost by using a Pay-Per-Use consumption cloud model is enabled. At the same time, customers will be able to protect virtual machines while using cloud-based Azure backup and disaster recovery with Azure Site Recovery.

SLT is perpetually steadfast in delivering the best solutions for enterprises to digitally transform and enable them with intelligent cloud with Azure Stack. Further SLT has planned to introduce Kubernetes Container services from Azure Stack to run micro services enhancing the enterprise product portfolio.