



Future-gazing IBM laboratory calls Victoria 'home'

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An IBM R&D Lab in Melbourne – one of only ten in the world – will bring together researchers, engineers and PhD students to solve some of the biggest challenges facing the globe.

Newly opened, the Carlton-based lab will focus on smarter natural resource management, smarter disaster management, and health care and life-science issues.

Glenn Wightwick, Director of IBM Australia R&D Laboratory said the new R&D Lab will undertake world-class research projects, thanks to the outstanding support of the Victorian and Australian governments.

“These will have the potential to benefit not only commercial clients, but society as a whole,” Mr Wightwick said.

Dr John E. Kelly III, IBM Senior Vice President and Director of IBM Research, said that by combining research and development into one lab to focus on creating smarter planet solutions, IBM is creating a new kind of innovation centre in Australia – unlike anything the company has done before.

IBM will employ about 150 people at the Lab over the next five years.