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Chinese tech giant Alibaba has opened its first research institute in another country. It seeks to push the boundaries of artificial intelligence by working with Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Representatives from Alibaba and NTU signed a deal on a 5-year partnership. Alibaba says it will invest several million dollars per year in the joint project.

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