



With scissors in hand, Costa Rican presidenta, Laura Chinchilla, officiated the ribbon cutting ceremony inaugurating Intel's new Engineering Development Center (IDC).

The U.S. multinational has invested us\$8 million dollars in the centre that will create 300 engineering and technician jobs, at its plane located in Bel,àn, minutes from the San Jos,à airport.

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The IDC is responsible for designing, developing, testing and validation of software and hardware which will have applications in fields such as medicine, science and entertainment.

The Costa Rican IDC professionals have participated in the development of the Sandy Bridge technology, the codename for the processor microarchitecture developed by Intel.

During the ceremony, Michael Forrest, general manager of Intel in Costa Rica, the centre is of

vital importance to the corporation.

"We have some of the brightest minds in the world", said Forrest.

For her part, Chinchilla thanked and congratulated Inter for developing the operation in Costa Rica.

"Intel's contribution to the human heritage of Costa Rica has been invaluable over the years, promoting training programs for teachers, strengthening our science fairs, donating equipment to educational institutions and strengthening the development curriculum in the areas of engineering. I wish to reiterate my appreciation for assessing the human potential of our country, confidence is a challenge that drives us to keep working with determination and zeal for economic development based on innovation", said Chinchilla.