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Google's newest leader is Kai-Fu Lee, who recently obtained \$1 million from a lawsuit with Microsoft. The giant from Redmond sued its ex-employee for violating the provisions of the contract related to the obligation of employees to uphold the no-compete rules and the non-disclosure agreement; the contract was signed in 2000. Microsoft handsomely compensated these promises, Lee receiving over \$3 million after his return in 2000, and last year, he received an extra \$1 million. These days, the competition between Microsoft and Yahoo, which is based on "abducting" key employees, seems to be reaching new heights. The employees who switch sides become the fiercest enemies of the companies that have initially educated them. Dr. Lee started the collaboration with Microsoft in 1998, when he supervised the development of an academic laboratory in China. Google's offer, which was eventually accepted, is similar to the assigned by Microsoft. After spending two years in China working on Microsoft's project, Lee returned to the US, where he worked on developing speech recognition technologies. Although Lee wanted to continue the project in China, Microsoft was unable to provide him with the necessary means, and that's when Google stepped in.