

ASIMO Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Oct. 29, 2010 - ASIMO has reached a huge milestone and will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Oct. 31. A decade ago, Honda created a humanoid robot so advanced it started a revolution in humanoid robot technology. To mark this date, dedicated Anniversary websites and films have been launched today, with new photos, videos, and the story of its creation.

Honda's research into humanoid robotics started almost a quarter of a century ago and 14 years later, on Oct. 31, 2000, ASIMO was created. Since its European unveiling at the Technical University of Darmstadt in June 2003, ASIMO has inspired, educated and influenced thousands of people all over the region and has gained acclaim from engineers and scientists alike.

ASIMO has visited science museums around Europe, met royalty and heads of state and even has visited the European Parliament.

ASIMO is part of Honda's long standing program of research and development into robotics and human mobility. Honda's goal is to develop a robot that will be able to help people in their everyday lives; a robot that will take on some of the tasks that would help make all our lives easier and more pleasant.

The benefits of such a humanoid robot may not be limited to the home environment, but could include any situation where people need support and assistance.

Honda is now focusing its research on the development of intelligence as well as improving the understanding about the ideal interaction and relationship between people and humanoid robots.

The ultimate goal of the ASIMO project is to create a truly usable humanoid robot and continue the development of intelligent systems for use in other Honda products. In addition to this, Honda will participate in many education projects around Europe, aimed at inspiring schoolchildren and students to become more involved in science & engineering.