

Honda's ASIMO Demonstrated at *FIRST*[®] Championship for First Time

- The World's Most Advanced Humanoid Robot Checks Out the Competition -

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 28, 2011 – Honda's [ASIMO](#), the world's most advanced humanoid robot, made its debut at the [FIRST](#)[®] (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship today in St. Louis, Mo. ASIMO, which stands for Advanced Step in Innovative Mobility, is a culmination of more than two decades of research and development by Honda engineers.

Designed to someday assist people in their homes, ASIMO is being used today to encourage and inspire young students, like those involved in the *FIRST* robotics programs, to consider studies in math and science. The demonstrations highlight ASIMO's unique capabilities including walking forward and backward, running nearly 4 mph, climbing stairs and more.

"Honda and *FIRST* share many of the same values, including inspiring students to pursue opportunities in science, technology and engineering," said Erik Wedin, ASIMO North American project leader. "We think a student robotics competition is the perfect setting to share and showcase ASIMO's capabilities."

[Honda](#) is one of the sponsors of the *FIRST* Championship, where over 11,000 students from 29 countries will participate in three simultaneous robotics competitions. As part of the activities, Honda is conducting ASIMO demonstrations today and Fri., April 29 on the hour from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m., and on Sat., April 30 from 9 a.m. through noon. The demonstrations, which are free and open to the public, are taking place in the Second Level Atrium of the America's Center Convention Complex in downtown St. Louis.

ASIMO visited 17 U.S. states and three Canadian provinces on a North American tour from 2003 through 2005, but this is the first time the humanoid robot has been demonstrated in Missouri.