

First world humanoid robot games held in Beijing

Vocabulary Match

humanoid ● competing ● creations ● athletics ● impressed ● elderly ●
● sports ● robots ● amazed ● racing ● seniors ● robot

Article

The first World Humanoid Robot Games took place in Beijing, with more than 500 robots from 16 countries competing. Teams showed their creations in sports such as football, athletics, dance, and even kickboxing.

The Unitree H1, a full-size humanoid standing 1.8 metres tall, impressed crowds in the 1500-metre race. But robots often lost balance, ran out of battery, or broke down. One robot even lost its head mid-race.

Hong Yun, a retired engineer, said, "Seeing the robots race was much more exciting than seeing real humans." China hopes humanoids will help with work and elderly care.

Quiz

1. How many robots competed in the event?
2. What sports did the robots participate in?
3. What happened to one robot during the race?
4. What does China hope humanoids will help with?

Conversation

A: Wow, did you see the Unitree H1 in the race?
B: Yes, it was amazing! But did you see the robot that lost its head?
A: I did! I couldn't believe it. Poor thing!
B: I know, right? It's like something out of a comedy show.
A: Still, it was more exciting than watching humans race.
B: Totally! I can't wait for the next games.

Discussion

1. Would you like to watch a robot sports event? Why or why not?
2. Do you think robots should be allowed in the Olympics? Why or why not?
3. Do you think robots will be able to help elderly people in the future? How?
4. If robots take over the world, would you like to be a robot's pet? Why or why not?