

Human washing machines coming to Japan hotels

Vocabulary Match

automatically ● calming ● peaceful ● model ● luxury ● pod ●

● quiet ● container ● example ● by itself ● fancy ● soothing

Article

Hotels in Japan may soon have a new kind of bath — a human washing machine. The machine, made by Osaka company Science, is called the Human Washer in the Future. You lie down inside the pod, and it automatically washes and rinses your body with warm, soapy water. While you relax, you can enjoy calming music and peaceful images on a screen.

The first model was first shown at Expo 2025 in Osaka. Many hotels and spas have already ordered units. However, it's too expensive for home use, costing about the same as an imported luxury car.

Quiz

1. What is the new kind of bath mentioned in the article?
2. Who made the human washing machine?
3. Where was the first model shown?
4. Why is the machine not suitable for home use?

Conversation

A: Have you tried the new human washing machine at the hotel?

B: Not yet! Is it really that good?

A: Oh yes, you just lie down, and it does all the work!

B: Sounds like a dream. Does it play music too?

A: Yes, calming music and nice images on a screen.

B: Wow, I wish I could afford one for home!

Discussion

1. Would you try a human washing machine if you had the chance?
2. What kind of music would you like to listen to while relaxing in a bath?
3. Do you like to go to public baths? Why or why not?
4. How do you feel about machines doing tasks for us?