

Kawasaki plans to make a rideable robot horse

Vocabulary Match

- prototype ● concept ● CGI ● hydrogen ● challenging ● earlier ●
- idea ● model ● a kind of gas ● computer generated ● sooner ● hard

Article

Kawasaki has announced plans to produce a rideable robot horse called Corleo. At first, Corleo appeared in a CGI video showing it walking over rocks, snow, and forests while carrying a rider. Many people thought it was just a concept. However, Kawasaki now says it is working on a real version much earlier than planned.

The company hopes to show a working prototype at Expo 2030 and sell it by 2035. Corleo is powered by hydrogen and may be used for adventure riding or safer travel in mountains. While the idea is exciting, building such a robot will be very challenging.

Quiz

1. What has Kawasaki announced plans to produce?
2. Where did Corleo first appear?
3. When does Kawasaki hope to show a working prototype?
4. What powers Corleo?

Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the robot horse Kawasaki is making?
- B: Yeah, I saw the video. It looked so real!
- A: I know! They say it'll be ready by 2035.
- B: I hope so, but it'll be quite a challenge to make.
- A: It's Kawasaki, so I'm sure they'll figure it out.
- B: I can't wait to ride one through downtown Nagoya!

Discussion

1. Would you like to ride a robot horse?
2. What would you name your robot horse?
3. Do you think a robot horse is better than a real horse? Why or why not?
4. What other animals would be fun as rideable robots?