



Suits you, sir

Power suits take on a new practical dimension with HAL-5 (Hybrid Assistive Leg), designed by Professor Yoshiyuki Sankai in Japan.

The powered suit consists of a control unit on the back, a floor sensor attached to the soles of shoes for use in balancing, and myoelectrical sensors on the thighs and upper arms for electromyography readings on moving muscles. The suit can be used to assist the disabled or the elderly.

A prototype of HAL-5 was demonstrated at the 2005 World Expo Aichi in Nagoya. Report, photo: AFP

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