**Robot astronaut**

日本设计师研发出会说话的机器人，你知道这个小巧的机器人是用来做什么的吗？

Designers in Japan have developed a talking robot named Kirobo. The small, child-like robot is designed to accompany (陪伴) human astronaut Koichi Wakata.

Yorichika Nishijima, who worked on the project, said, “Russians were the first to go to space. Americans were the first to land on the moon. I want Japanese to be the first to send a robot astronaut that can communicate to space.”