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**Konami empowers an amputated video gamer with a “Phantom Limb”**

**Die-hard Metal Gear Solid fan will get a prosthetics arm just like in the game**

**Konami Corporate Headquarters, London, United Kingdom**, **17 Nov 2015** – Konami this year has teamed up with a prosthetics group called the Phantom Limb Project to design a luxury prosthetic arm for 25-year old James Young, an amputated but die-hard fan of Konami’s video game series Metal Gear Solid. The arm itself is inspired by Metal Gear Solid V’s protagonist Snake.

Sophie De Oliviera Barata is the custom designer of the arm. And she will be working with a team of engineers, roboticists and designer to outfit this disabled young man with some swag and rough side. The final build will not only be customed according to Young’s requirements, it will also be multi-functional and use “cutting edge and innovative technologies”.

On May 18 2012, James Young fell under a Docklands Light Railway train at West Silvertown. Although his fellow passenger David Kelly saved him from death, his lower left leg as severed and his left arm later required amputation. Despite his injuries, Young was a passionate gamer and a huge fan of the Metal Gear series. He overcame his disabilities and became a master of one-handed gameplay.

According to Konami, the sponsor of this project, “Young was carefully selected by Sophie as a candidate comfortable with the idea” of a flashy alternative arm with all the benefits it can offer in real life. And it may even get him more ladies than his peers. The path to install the “gauntlet” worn by Snake will be blogged online through The Phantom Limb Project website and on a dedicated Twitter Feed.

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