

Poland to honor Wikipedia with monument

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In this image made available from Krzysztof Wojciechowski of the Collegium Polonicum in Slubice, Poland, a model statue which has been put forward by university professor Krzysztof Wojciechowski as a monument tribute to honor the authors of the online Internet encyclopedia site Wikipedia, which will be unveiled in the western Polish town of Slubice, it is announced Thursday Oct. 9, 2014. The monument will be unveiled in Slubice, Poland, on Oct.22 to honor the authors of Wikipedia. The online encyclopedia is hugely popular in Poland, with

more than 1 million Polish entries in Wikipedia. (AP Photo/ Adam Czernenko, Krzysztof Wojciechowski of the Collegium Polonicum in Slubice)

A university professor says that an eastern Polish town is taking up his suggestion and will put up a monument to honor the authors of Wikipedia, the Internet encyclopedia which allows anyone to contribute.

Krzysztof Wojciechowski, director of the Collegium Polonicum in Slubice, said Thursday that he is in awe of the huge and reliable job done by the Wikipedia, vastly popular in Poland. More than 1 million entries in Wikipedia are in Polish, rivaling the number in French or Spanish.

"I'm ready to drop to my knees before the Wikipedia, that's why I thought of a monument where I could do it," Wojciechowski told The Associated Press.

The 47,000 zlotys (\$14,000; 11,000 euros) fiber and resin statue is funded by Slubice authorities and will be unveiled Oct. 22.

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