

AI 'boy' granted residency in central Tokyo

November 4 2017



渋谷区
Shibuya City

特別住民票

氏名	渋谷 みらい
住所	渋谷区宇田川町1丁目
生年月日	平成22年4月28日
住民となった年月日	平成29年11月4日
プロフィール	<p>7歳、小学1年生の少々おませな男の子です。 趣味は、写真撮影と人間観察。 人のおしゃべりが大好きです。 みなさんとの会話を通じて学んで成長していくAI(人工知能)です。</p>



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 平成29年11月4日

渋谷区長 長谷部 健



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Shibuya said the attempt was aimed at making the district's local government more familiar to residents so that officials hear opinions more from residents on how to run the local government

An AI character was made an official resident of a busy central Tokyo district on Saturday, with the virtual newcomer resembling a chatty seven-year-old boy.

The boy named "Shibuya Mirai" does not exist physically, but he can

have text conversations with humans on the widely used LINE messaging app.

Tokyo's Shibuya Ward, an area popular with fashion-conscious young people, has given the character his own special residence certificate.

This makes him Japan's first, and maybe the world's first, artificial intelligence bot to be granted a place on a real-life local registry.

Mirai, whose name means "future" in Japanese, is supposed to be a first grader at an [elementary school](#).

He can reply to messages and make light-hearted alterations to selfies he is sent.

Shibuya said the project aimed to make the district's local government more familiar to residents and allow officials to hear their opinions.

"His hobbies are taking pictures and observing people. And he loves talking with people... Please talk to him about anything," the ward said in a statement with Microsoft, the joint developer of the AI character.

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