

The Latest: Toyota cars to integrate Amazon voice assistant

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An attendee looks at Ford's self-driving delivery vehicle at CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

The Latest on the CES technology show in Las Vegas (all times local):

2 p.m.

Toyota says it will begin integrating Amazon's Alexa voice assistant into

some of its vehicles, so drivers can tell their cars to play music or set a comfortable temperature at home before arriving.

In choosing Alexa over rival Google Assistant, Toyota Connected CEO Zack Hicks says Amazon is the right partner as Toyota studies what future mobility might look like.

The integration will start later this year. Toyota didn't say which car models will have it.

Ford and Hyundai are among the auto companies already supporting Alexa.

Hicks says there's nothing preventing Toyota from partnering with others in the future.

The development came Tuesday as the CES tech show floor opened.

12:45 p.m.

Ford is partnering with Postmates, an on-demand delivery company, to study how merchants and customers might interact with self-driving delivery vehicles.

Ford Motor Co.'s president of global markets, Jim Farley, says self-driving vehicles must do more than just move people. He says they can cut down on traffic and parking hassles by allowing groceries, dry cleaners and other businesses to share delivery vehicles that are programmed to take the most efficient route.



People experience a skeleton ride with the Samsung Gear VR virtual reality goggles at the Samsung booth during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)

The research will build on what Ford learned last year in a partnership with Domino's Pizza that sent semi-autonomous vehicles out to deliver pizzas.

Postmates operates in 20 U.S. cities—including Chicago, New York and Los Angeles—and has a fleet of 150,000 couriers. Ford announced the partnership Tuesday at the CES tech show in Las Vegas.

11:30 a.m.

The CES tech show, much like the tech industry, has long been known

for its dearth of women.

This year is no exception. That's despite coming off a watershed year for women in technology and beyond, with the #metoo movement opening conversations on sexual harassment, abuse and sexism.



A Navya Autonom Cab, a self-driving vehicle, drives down a street during a demonstration at CES International, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)

This year, two of the 15 keynote speakers at CES are women. Of the roughly 900 total speakers, 242 are women, or about 27 percent.

Organizers say that's on par with previous years, but it's prompted widespread criticism. In a recent letter to Gina Glantz, founder of the group Gender Avenger, the head of CES organizer Consumer Technology Association said the show will "redouble" efforts to add

women's voices next year.

As for attendees, organizers say about 20 percent are women.

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9:25 a.m.

The annual CES gadget show in Las Vegas is no longer just about private businesses showing off their latest technological wizardry.



The Aibo robot dog is on display at the Sony booth after a news conference at CES International, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)

The public sector is also chiming in, including U.S. state governors,

foreign envoys, a member of President Donald Trump's Cabinet and at least one royal.

Prince Constantijn of the Netherlands is leading a delegation to promote more than 50 Dutch startups. Delegations are also representing Mexico and two different regions of France.

Along with boosting their economy, governments are also hoping to keep up with the growing possibilities of smartening cities with new technology.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai is skipping the show, though. Reports say it's because of death threats following a controversial vote to roll back rules that guaranteed equal access to the internet.

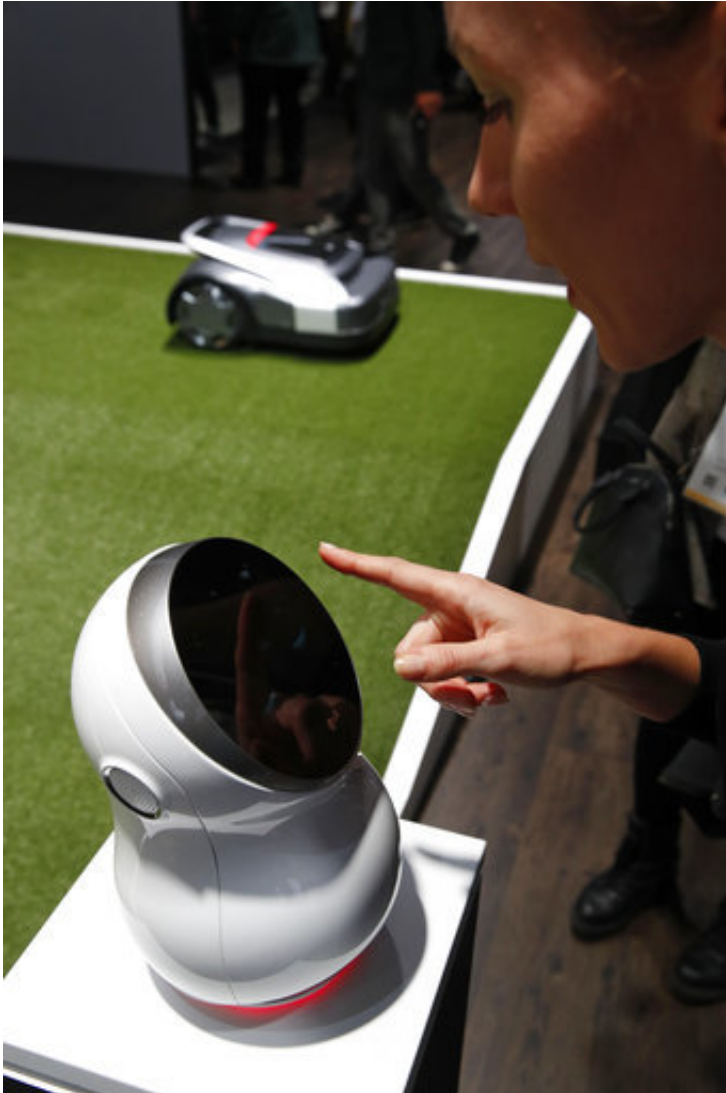


People look through Sony PlayStation VR headsets after a Sony news conference

at CES International, Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



A Cloi controlled lawn mower appears on display at the LG booth during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



A woman demonstrates a Cloi controlled lawn mower at the LG booth during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



People look through Samsung Gear VR virtual reality goggles at the Samsung booth during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



The Cloi shopping cart robot, center, appears on display at the LG booth during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



The Mercedes-AMG Project One plug-in hybrid supercar appears on display at CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



An attendee tests the Human Machine Interface platform at the Kia booth at CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



Soyoung Han looks at a display representing LG super UHD TV Nano Cell displays during CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/John Locher)



Ford CEO James Hackett smiles while getting ready for an interview next to a self-driving delivery vehicle at CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



Attendees wave at Honda robotics concepts 3E-C18, left, and 3E-A18 at CES International, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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