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Friendly Robot to Aid Commuters on Moscow's Metro

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The Moscow metro has unveiled its latest scheme to help tired commuters battle the nine to five: a friendly robot helper.

Metrosha the Robot will meet and greet passengers in metro stations throughout the capital on public holidays and during other special occasions.

With LED eyes and an interactive touch-screen embedded into his chest, the metro's latest employee can respond to simple questions and recognize faces.

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Metrosha was field-tested over the New Year holidays, and has now been approved for general use.

Staff hope that the robot will "lift passengers' spirits," the Moscow metro said in a statement.

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