Travel Gizmo: CMU Works On In-Mouth Translator Prototype

Carnegie Mellon University and German scientists unveiled a new prototype technology that makes it possible to speak one language, yet be understood in another. The new translation Goggles have the potential to bridge the language divide between countries and cultures, said CMU computer science professor Alex Waibel, who directs the International Center for Advanced Communication Technologies, or interACT.

"This is a bit science fiction, but it's clearly a vision we think is very exciting," Waibel said as he demonstrated a prototype of the translator during a videoconference viewed on the CMU campus in Oakland and at the University of Karlsruhe in Germany. Launched in 2004, interACT is a multimillion-dollar joint effort between the schools to develop advanced communication technologies.

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