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THE KING OF MALAYSIA VISITS ICONIC BATTERSEA POWER STATION

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah visits Battersea Power Station for the first time to witness the transformational progress of the 42-acre redevelopment project

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Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah visiting Battersea Power Station. Credit: Brendan Bell, John Sturrock

(L-R) Simon Murphy, CEO of Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC); Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Arif Bendahara; H.E. Zakri Jaafar, Malaysian High Commissioner; Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah; Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah; Datin Norazah Mohamed Razali, Non-Executive Director of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB); Dato' Jagan Sabapathy, Incoming Chairman of Battersea

Project Holding Company (BPHC); Puan Nor Aini Abdul Rahman; Dato' Seri Ahmad Johan Mohammad Raslan, Non-Executive Director of Sime Darby Property; Ramzi Abdullah, Principal Officer of the Malaysian Employees Provident Fund (EPF)

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah and the Yang Amat Mulia Tengku Arif Bendahara visited Battersea Power Station in Central London, UK, on Friday 24th September to witness the momentous progress being made on this Malaysia-owned regeneration project.

The Malaysian High Commissioner, H.E. Zakri Jaafar, also accompanied Their Majesties on the visit.

On Their Majesties inaugural visit to Battersea Power Station, they were welcomed by Dato' Jagan Sabapathy, Incoming Chairman of Battersea Project Holding Company (BPHC), Datin Norazah Mohamed Razali, Non-Executive Director of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) and Sime Darby Property, Dato' Seri Ahmad Johan Mohammad Raslan, Non-Executive Director of Sime Darby Property, Mohd Hizami Mohd Iskandar, Principal Officer of PNB UK, Ramzi Abdullah, Principal Officer of the Malaysian Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Simon Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of Battersea Power Station Development Company (BPSDC).

As well as receiving an update on the wider development, Their Majesties were given a special tour of the Grade II* listed building, including the dressed apartments in the first completed section, Switch House West, where residents now live and of Malaysia Square, where the Yang di-Pertuan Agong unveiled a plaque commemorating his visit. This engraving will be a constant reminder of the strong links held between Malaysia and the UK and the continued importance of inward investment by the country.



Credit: Brendan Bell, John Sturrock

Left image: Simon Murphy, CEO of BPSDC and Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah

Right image: (L-R) Ramzi Abdullah, Principal Officer of EPF; Dato' Jagan Sabapathy, Incoming Chairman of BPHC; Dato' Seri Ahmad Johan Mohammad Raslan, Non-Executive Director of Sime Darby Property; H.E. Zakri Jaafar, Malaysian High Commissioner; Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah; Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah; Simon Murphy, CEO of BPSDC; Puan Nor Aini Abdul Rahman; Yang Amat

Mulia Tengku Arif Bendahara; Datin Norazah Mohamed Razali, Non-Executive Director of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB)

After lying dormant for over 30 years, the consortium consisting of Sime Darby Property, S P Setia and EPF bought the iconic site and made quick progress on the restoration works which are now nearing completion. Once open to the public next year, Battersea Power Station will be one of the most exciting retail and leisure destinations in London, with over 100 shops, bars and restaurants, as well as unique events and leisure spaces, including the Chimney Lift Experience, which will be operated by global events and entertainment leader, IMG. Apple has also taken 500,000 sq. ft. of office space across six floors for its new London campus and there will be a brand new six-acre park in front of the Power Station, looking out over the River Thames.

H.E. Zakri Jaafar, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the UK, said:

“Seeing the immense effort that is going into regenerating this part of London is truly remarkable. What has been achieved by this consortium of Malaysian companies, which have combined resources in an international sphere, is truly exemplary. Their Majesties visit is indeed timely to witness this proud accomplishment by Their Majesties subjects. This project will be an important point of reference for future Malaysian projects and collaborations.”

Dato’ Jagan Sabapathy, Incoming Chairman of Battersea Project Holding Company (BPHC), said:

“It is an honour to welcome Their Majesties to witness the grand redevelopment of the Battersea Power Station. This project is a shining example of the synergy between Malaysia and the UK working together to bring a new destination to life, and I believe it will be a legacy to the Malaysian people’s ambition, expertise and investment.

“We have achieved what others have only attempted, and it is a great privilege to see the Malaysian flag flying high at the Battersea Power Station.”

Last week, the Northern Line Extension (NLE), the first major extension to the London Underground this century, opened marking another significant milestone for the project. Battersea Power Station now has its very own Zone 1 station with journey times to the West End and the City taking approximately 15 minutes.

The first completed chapter in the regeneration of Battersea Power Station, Circus West Village, is a thriving neighbourhood with over 1,500 residents calling it home and a mix of vibrant restaurants, cafés, bars, a theatre and cinema which attract over three million visitors a year. Strong progress is also being made on Electric Boulevard, the third phase of the project which comprises buildings by Gehry Partners and Foster + Partners, forming their first-ever collaboration.

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About Battersea Power Station:

- Battersea Power Station is one of central London's largest, most visionary and eagerly anticipated new riverside neighbourhoods. The £9bn regeneration project will see the creation of a vibrant, mixed-use destination offering a community of homes, shops, restaurants, offices, culture and leisure venues, as well as 19 acres of public space, all serviced by an extension to the London Underground Northern Line.
- The Battersea Power Station project covers 42 acres and includes 3.5m sq ft of mixed commercial space, together with 4,239 new homes.
- The successful regeneration of Battersea Power Station will create 20,000 new jobs, generate long term career opportunities for local residents and inject £20bn into the UK economy. A new NHS medical facility is also being built.
- Circus West Village, the first chapter of the regeneration of Battersea Power Station, is already a thriving riverside destination and home to over 1,500 people. Offering an eclectic mix of independent and design-led bars, restaurants, shops, fitness and wellbeing facilities, a cinema, a theatre and an ongoing events programme, this new neighbourhood welcomes over three million people on average per year.
- The Grade II* listed Power Station, the second phase of the development, will house over 100 shops, restaurants and cafes, a 1,400-person capacity events venue, a unique chimney lift experience offering 360-degree panoramic views of London's skyline, new office space, 500,000 sq. ft of which will be home to Apple's new London Campus and 254 new residential apartments. The building will open to the public in 2022.
- With the recently opened Zone 1 Battersea Power Station Underground station on the Northern Line Extension, the development is only a 15 minute journey from the West End and the City. It also has its very own Uber Boat by Thames Clippers pier and is 15 minute journey from Embankment, 20 minutes from Blackfriars, 30 minutes from Putney and 40 minutes from Canary Wharf. Battersea Power Station is easily accessible by bus, bike, car and train too.
- The wider Battersea Power Station development is owned by a consortium of Malaysian investors comprised of S P Setia (40%), Sime Darby Property (40%) and The Employees' Provident Fund (20%), with the commercial assets within the Power Station building now being directly owned by Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) and EPF.
- Management of the development is being undertaken by the British-based Battersea Power Station Development Company.