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Light Testing in Kaohsiung Main Stadium

(Kaohsiung) A couple of days before the completion of Main Stadium, the architect designer Toyo Ito came to Taiwan on January 15 for construction inspection. Accompanied by the Mayor Chen Chu, and the construction crew, Mr. Toyo Ito joined the cocktail party and also an informal light testing of the main stadium. It was also the first time that the main stadium was opened to public, and there will be an official inauguration at the end of January.

Furthermore, Mr. Toyo Ito also designed a torch-like public art in front of the main entrance. The public art and main stadium are made of the same raw materials, with an upward spiral pattern, symbolize the dynamic and rhythmic spirit of sports and the city of Kaohsiung. The main stadium is surrounded by other 4 public arts, all of them are designed by international designers.

The party started at 6: 00 pm. Mayor Chu Chen and Mr. Toyo Ito walked alongside the main stadium and inside the field track. It took about six and half minutes to complete all the lightening insides the field, and it radiates about 3300 Luxs in average.

After two years, the main stadium is now reaching its final stage of completion. This environmental-friendly stadium has many “ the firsts “ to mention : the solar panels on top roof generates 110 KwH of electricity per a year and reduce 660 Tons of carbon dioxide per a year. The entire raw materials used in the main stadium are 100% reusable and made in Taiwan. The Japanese architect intended to design this stadium to arouse our global issue of environmentalism.

Mr. Toyo Ito gave a speech at the end of party, congratulating the construction crews and the City of Kaohsiung for the completion of the project. He sincerely hopes that, by his design of the main stadium, Kaohsiung City will enhance communication with Japan; and moreover, The World Games in Kaohsiung will surprise the world.

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