

Kyiv Mayor Newsletter

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CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV

Klitschko unveils a new scenic walkway for Kyiv City Day



Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko dedicated a new pedestrian and cycle bridge that connects Volodymyrska Hirka park to the Friendship of Nations Monument. “Today we are unveiling a unique city landmark! A pedestrian and cycle bridge strings together Volodymyrska Hirka park and the Friendship of Nations Monument. The bridge project was originally conceived 100 years ago. And we did it!” said Klitschko.

According to him, actual construction took 5 months and about 1,000 of workers and experts involved. The ₴275 million glass-and-concrete bridge has a winding shape and is 212 meter long; the height of the highest pillars is 32 meter. “Almost all materials used in the bridge construction are indigenous to Ukraine, except for German-made cables and bridge expansion joints. 70 square meters of glass floor panels are also made in Ukraine,” explained Vitali Klitschko.

Together with his brother, a legendary former world champion Wladimir Klitschko Kyiv mayor tested glass floor resistance by jumping up and down on it several times. As the mayor assured, a square meter of glass floor can carry 1,150 kg of weight.

The hillsides of Volodymyr Hill and soil slopes immediately around the People's Friendship Arch that jeopardized the National Philharmonic Hall were also reinforced with 400 piles and four retaining walls- something that has not been occurred over the past decades. Both the area around the monument was also beautified with a new fountain - a copy of the original 19th-century iron fountain.

The total cost of the project is something over ₴400 million, ₴275 million of which went towards bridge building, about ₴90 million - towards a new fountain construction, landscaping and territory improvement and almost ₴55 million - towards slopes stabilizing.

“The Kyiv Audit Office and the Kyiv Forensic Institute will perform a construction cost audit, which is our usual construction cost efficiency practice,” stressed Kyiv mayor.

“Almost every day I came here to inspect the progress. We've also had to face a share of disagreements whether a new walkway is needed or about its design . But I am certain, it will be one of the most popular and magnificent city locations! And I am absolutely sure, something like this has never been done in Ukraine before!” he added.

The newly constructed spectacular walkway is a key part of a major tourist historic route linking Peyzazhna Alley and Kyivo-Pecherska Lavra.



Klitschko speaks at John McCain tribute ceremony in Washington



In Washington, DC the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko attended and delivered a speech at the tribute ceremony honouring Senator John McCain. In attendance were also top U.S. politicians - senators, congressmen, representatives of the Department of State and Government. The John S. McCain Freedom Dinner and Award Ceremony was traditionally organized by the International Republican Institute (IRI) which Senator John McCain has chaired for 25 years.

“I am honoured to be here today, as the UDAR party has a long history of fruitful cooperation with IRI that has done much to help shape and develop our political party. IRI backed us and other democratic forces of Ukraine during the toughest period of our history when we, Ukrainians fought for our right for free and democratic society,” underlined Klitschko in his speech.

He remarked that John McCain visited Kyiv during the Revolution of Dignity in December 2013. “It was one of the hardest times of our struggle. I will never forget his speech when Senator addressed hundreds of thousands of people on Maidan in Ukrainian ‘America is with you!’ It was a powerful message that people and leaders of the United States support our pursuit of freedom. At the same time John McCain has always emphasized that it is up to us, Ukrainians to shape our own future,” said Klitschko.

He stressed that McCain was a great friend of Ukraine who always believed in our country and backed us also in our fighting against Russian aggression. He led the U.S. Senate to reinforce support for Kyiv and to impose sanctions against Russia.

“My friendship with John, our numerous conversations, his wisdom and determination meant a lot for me. I learnt a lot from him as a politician,” said Klitschko. “Sport is much like politics, one has to fight to win, for one’s principles and goals, no matter how difficult it might be. One should never surrender!” emphasized Klitschko.

At the Freedom Dinner and Award Ceremony the Republican Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader and Cindy McCain, a wife of Senator McCain and a philanthropist who chairs many non-profit organizations in the USA and overseas were also honoured with a IRI's Freedom Award. At this year's ceremony the IRI gave a special recognition to the people of Venezuela striving for freedom and democracy.

The Freedom Award was established by the IRI in 1995. Over the years, honorees have included President Ronald Reagan, President George Bush, Condoleezza Rice and Senator John McCain (in 2017). Posthumous award has been given to Borys Nemtsov.

While in Washington Klitschko held also meetings with prominent U.S. politicians, including the US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker, the U.S. Agency for International Development chief Mark Green, and senior executives and experts of the Atlantic Council.

At the meeting Kyiv mayor and Kurt Volker discussed the situation in Ukraine after the presidential and before the upcoming parliamentary election as well as serious challenges facing Ukraine. "We talked about the support from our partners of Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic aspirations," stresses Klitschko.



The United States will further support Ukraine in implementing the important reforms, fighting corruption and pursuing the Euro-Atlantic path. "We in the United States are concerned to continue to support Ukraine in its progress, in democratic reforms, reforming state institutions, in economic reforms to strengthen the country, including fighting corruption. And of course we are supporting Ukraine's aspirations to be a full partner of Euro-Atlantic institutions," remarked Kurt Volker in a short video which he made together with Vitali Klitschko.

In Las Vegas Klitschko sells Kyiv tour at charity for \$50K

While in the USA Vitali Klitschko participated in the traditional fundraising event hosted by the WBC where he raised \$50,000 for Kyiv city walk.

Night of Champions Gala Dinner and Auction which took place in Las Vegas to raise funds for support and rehabilitation of the athletes all over the world brought together the greatest WBC champions: Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, Lennox Lewis, Oscar de la Hoya and others.

“Those who succeeded in life should help others. The WBC has a long history of fundraising and provides support and medical rehabilitation for boxers,” remarked Klitschko. “While in the USA for work, I am pleased to be able to join the auction and once again promote Kyiv and Ukraine. I am delighted to say that a city tour around Kyiv was auctioned off at the price of \$50,000,” said Vitali Klitschko after the event.



Carlos Santana, a Mexican and American musician who is used to helping the WBC, was also in attendance. The World Boxing Council awarded him with an emblematic championship belt for his inspirational music and outstanding achievements.

Klitschko attends UBER Shuttle service unveiling in Kyiv



“Today Kyiv has once again demonstrated its commitment to implement global innovative solutions. Ukraine’s capital city has been chosen as Europe’s first city to launch UBER Shuttle service. I hope Kyivans will find this service to be a convenient, reliable and safe alternative to private city fleet. The city administration is determined to further cooperate with UBER to improve the city’s transit. UBER Green that was launched in this March as well as UBER Shuttle service are practical examples of such cooperation,” said Klitschko at the ceremony.

In attendance to unveil UBER bus service were also Ukrainian Infrastructure Minister Volodymyr Omelyan, Acting Deputy Chief of U.S. Embassy in Ukraine Joseph Pennington and UBER’s regional manager in the Northern and Eastern Europe Jamie Heywood.

Klitschko remarked that a new player in the market of urban transportation fosters tougher competition and expressed hope that UBER Shuttle will signal other carriers to improve service quality.

According to Klitschko, a safe and seamless urban transit system is among top tasks for the city authority. Over a few past years the city has introduced 63 new trams, 121 trolleybuses and 100 buses. “It is true, that there are not enough new buses to deal with all passengers and the city is continuing with plans to replace old vehicles. Also we are continuing our efforts to search for solutions that will improve the public transportation. Urban Shuttle is the project that will tackle this situation,” said the mayor.

“I am excited that Kyiv was chosen as the first city in Europe for the roll out of the UBER Shuttle service!” remarked Jamie Heywood, Uber’s regional manager in the Northern and Eastern Europe.

Kyiv mayor thanked UBER and all those involved into project launching.

Klitschko: Ukraine's pro-European course has no alternative

As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko declared at celebrations of Europe Day in Kyiv's Mikhaylivska square, Ukraine's path toward Europe is the only alternative. "This year's Europe Day marks 1,000 years since the reign of Yaroslav the Wise - the Grand Prince of Kyiv. Yaroslav made a significant contribution consolidating the European countries," said Klitschko. "Ukraine has always been a truly European country - both geographically and mentally. Ukrainians have proved the readiness to fight and lay down their life for European future - during the Revolution of Dignity and today, while fighting back Russian aggression," he added.



The mayor remarked that Kyiv is becoming the European capital city. Over the past two years the city has brilliantly hosted the Eurovision contest, the UEFA Champions` League final and the WBC Convention as well as other high-profile international events. "More and more foreign travelers come to Kyiv and all of them are thrilled with the city and the country!" said Klitschko. He thanked the European partners and friends for their support of Ukraine's European aspirations and their confidence in Ukraine.

"There is still more to be done. There are still plenty of challenges facing us. As the mayor of the capital city I work hard to transform Kyiv into prosperous European city - comfortable, beautiful and safe. And I say thank you to all those who help us build schools and kindergartens, repair roads, renovate infrastructure, reconstruct parks and squares. Kyiv is changing and will keep on track," emphasized Kyiv's mayor.

At the same time he reminded that Europe Day coincided with the 75th anniversary of mass deportation of the Crimean tatars from the peninsula. In 1944 the Soviet authorities deported the Crimean tatars to Central Asia and Ural. Over 30,000 of them died in the

course of the deportation.

Klitschko outlined that there is no other path for Ukraine than toward Europe. "There is no other choice for us than European democratic values. Countries that value a human being and human rights the most, escape such tragedies. I am certain that Ukraine will join the European community! Ukraine will be a strong and powerful country! And we all together have to contribute to its flourishing!" declared Vitali Klitschko.

Klitschko discusses Kyiv agglomeration with Council of Europe representatives

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko discussed Kyiv agglomeration issue with the group members of the Council of Europe peer review on the governance in metropolitan areas, providing legal expertise and policy advice on metropolitan governance and Kyiv agglomeration.



“Agglomeration is an issue of vital importance for Kyiv now, since it enables both the city and towns located around its` beltway to deal with joint problems - commuting transportation, moving certain industries out of the city, environment safety, development of public utilities and social infrastructure of suburbia,” said Vitali Klitschko. In his comments to journalists he remarked that development of Kyiv agglomeration may take up to several years.

He expressed hope that the Peer Review of Kyiv agglomeration will provide a valuable input on its prospects and possible ways of its development as well as specific recommendations for necessary legislation amendments. “Our next step is drafting a Law on Agglomeration and more cooperation boost between the City of Kyiv and surrounding municipalities. I feel certain, that agglomeration will not only help solve the biggest problems of social and economic development, but also outline its prospects for many years ahead,” emphasized Klitschko.

“Development of major urban agglomerations is vital not only for Ukraine but for most of the countries. It isn't about patterns, but about a broad scope of options that municipalities in your situations have adopted. There are only good practices to follow rather than standards or obligations. We are here to share the best practices of different countries,” underlined the head of the Good Governance Department of the Council of Europe Daniel Popescu.

Wladimir Klitschko honoured as Germany Innovator-2019

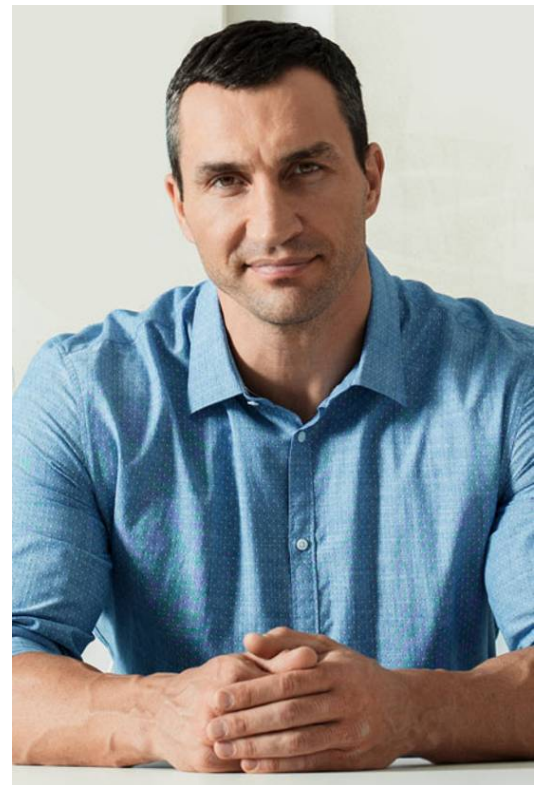
A boxing legend, ex-world champion Wladimir Klitschko who is now a successful entrepreneur, has been honoured with Innovator of the Year-2019 award at the annual ceremony which took place recently in Dusseldorf, Germany.

He received the award in German Economy category for creation of his own innovative programme F.A.C.E. The Challenge, which he has been teaching for top executives and managers at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland for a few years now. "I am very excited because I have never received awards for something innovative! This award is another proof that my life philosophy of challenge management and my method F.A.C.E. The Challenge works!" remarked Wladimir Klitschko in his short video he posted in Twitter.

His long history in professional boxing helped him create his own challenge management strategy called F.A.C.E. The Challenge. It describes how to handle challenges in the entrepreneurial or personal environment through proactive changes in awareness and behavior in the fast-changing dynamic world.

"We at Klitschko Ventures understand that we are giving the tools to make challenges out of problems, life-changing opportunities - out of failures. We are the driving force!" stressed Wladimir Klitschko.

He also collaborated with SAP SE - the world's leading business software company to launch 'Design Thinking and Challenge Management', a new course on the openSAP platform. A course couples two methodologies: The SAP® Design Thinking which refers to building creative and innovative solutions for new business models, and F.A.C.E. The Challenge by Wladimir Klitschko.



SAP SE is the market leader in enterprise application software. The company's machine learning, Cloud Platform Blockchain, Big Data, Digital Transformation, AI and IoT services help turn customers' businesses into intelligent enterprises. It operates in 180 countries worldwide, with about half a million customers, and is present in 130 countries. SAP SE provided its expertise to Kyiv authorities to introduce the first Smart City project - Open Budget.