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CapitaLand opens 250-metre-high glass-bottom Exploration Deck at Raffles City Chongqing to eager visitors

Enthusiastic response to the megastructure's star attraction yet another encouraging sign of recovery in consumer sentiment

Singapore, 5 June 2020 – One of the year's most eagerly awaited attractions in China, the 250-metre-high Exploration Deck Viewing Gallery (Exploration Deck), a star feature of The Crystal sky bridge at Raffles City Chongqing, opened to the public last weekend. In addition to a 270-degree panorama of Chongqing's skyline, visitors to the glass-bottom deck – the highest of its kind in Western China – are treated to the thrills of walking in "mid-air" while admiring magnificent views of Yangtze River's brown merging with Jialing River's blue below their feet.

As part of crowd management, only 3,000 tickets are available daily currently. Almost all the available tickets in the opening weekend were snapped up. The enthusiastic response to the Exploration Deck echoed the successful opening of Raffles City Chongqing's shopping mall component, [which welcomed over 900,000 shoppers during its opening weekend in September 2019.](#)

Mr Lucas Loh, President, China, CapitaLand Group, said: "A vertically-built riverfront urban district, Raffles City Chongqing is a megastructure that took seven years to complete and The Crystal sky bridge is its key attraction. We are therefore heartened that the Exploration Deck, which is the first component of The Crystal sky bridge to be unveiled to the public, has been well-received. The Exploration Deck is the first major attraction to launch in Chongqing since the lifting of the country's nationwide lockdown and the public's enthusiastic response is yet another encouraging sign of recovery in consumer sentiment. As a long-term real estate player in China, CapitaLand will continue to focus on delighting consumers with attractive and quality products and services, while working with our ecosystem partners to contribute towards the country's economic recovery."

Visitors to the Exploration Deck begin their journey at Level 1 with an exploration-themed exhibition, in collaboration with National Geographic. The first part of the exhibition introduces the history and development of Chongqing before leading visitors to the express elevator which takes about 52 seconds to reach the top. When the lift opens at Level 47, visitors are transported to a futuristic world that imagines life on planet Mars. At the end of the exhibition, visitors enter a tranquil pocket park before stepping onto an open-air sky deck with see-through glass floor and exhilarating views.

The Exploration Deck is part of The Crystal, an enclosed sky bridge that is connected to six of Raffles City Chongqing's eight skyscrapers – four 250-metre-tall skyscrapers at its base and two adjacent skyscrapers by cantilever bridges. This earned The Crystal the distinction as the world's highest sky bridge linking the most number of skyscrapers.

Measuring 300 metres in length, 32.5 metres in width and 26.5 metres in height with a total gross floor area of 10,000 square metres (sq m), The Crystal is also known as Raffles City Chongqing's "horizontal skyscraper". Apart from the Exploration Deck, The Crystal houses The Private Club, a members-only clubhouse with two swimming pools, and a wide range of restaurants and bars at the Sky Garden. The Sky Garden is targeted to begin operations in 3Q 2020.

Erecting The Crystal was a feat of engineering that took about a year, starting from end 2017. The Crystal is made up of a continuous steel structure weighing 12,000 tons and enclosed with a ring comprising about 3,000 pieces of glass panels and close to 5,000 aluminium panels. To erect efficiently, the steel structure is first divided into nine segments – four segments that are built in-situ above the four towers; three middle segments suspended between the four towers that are prefabricated on ground and hoisted into place by hydraulic strand jacks; and two cantilever segments that are assembled in short sections from the two ends of the rightmost and leftmost towers. Hoisting the three middle steel segments of The Crystal – each weighing up to 1,100 tons – to the designated height of 250 metres marked a world first.

Raffles City Chongqing is strategically located on Chaotianmen, a historic site overlooking the confluence of Yangtze and Jialing rivers in Yuzhong District. It is Singapore's and CapitaLand's single largest development in China at RMB24 billion (S\$4.8 billion). The integrated development spans 1.12 million sq m and comprises a 235,000-sq m shopping mall, 150,000-sq m of Grade A office space, about 1,400 residential apartments, Ascott Raffles City Chongqing serviced residence and InterContinental Raffles City Chongqing hotel. The integrated development is connected to a major transport hub comprising ferry, subway and bus stations.

Tickets to the Raffles City Chongqing's Exploration Deck are priced at RMB180 (about S\$36) each. Visit <https://www.thecrystalrccq.com> for more information.

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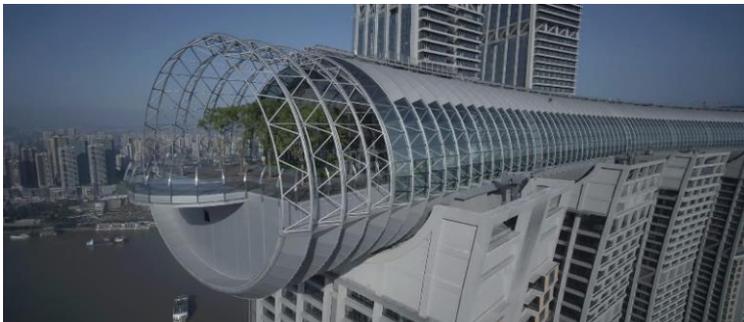
Annex A

A visit to Raffles City Chongqing's Exploration Deck through pictures



An exterior view of Raffles City Chongqing. The Crystal sky bridge is nestled atop four 250-metre-tall skyscrapers and linked to two adjacent skyscrapers by cantilever bridges.

Image credit: CapitaLand



Raffles City Chongqing's glass-bottom sky deck is the highest of its kind across Western China.

Image credit: CapitaLand



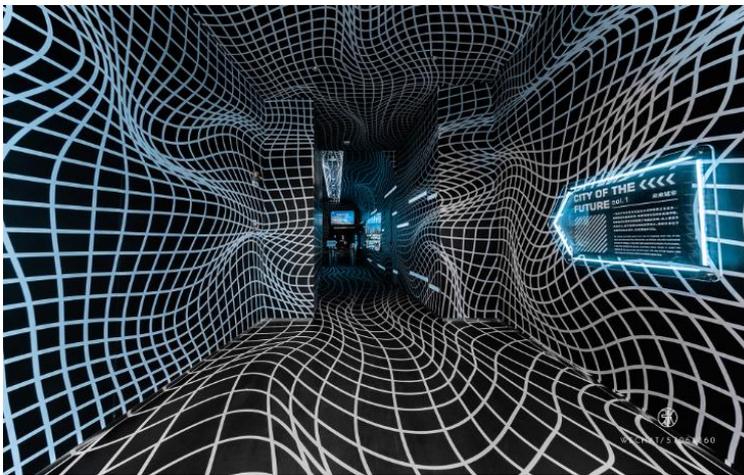
Visitors begin their tour of the Exploration Deck at Level 1 with an exploration-themed exhibition in collaboration with National Geographic.

Image credit: Zhang Kun
Kun (张坤琨)



The first part of the exhibition tells the story of Chongqing through six thematic zones: The Origin, The Exploration, The Modern Era, The Gateway to Western China, Going Global and The Future.

Image credit: Xu Can (徐灿)



A pathway playing with optical illusions leads visitors to the express elevator.

Image credit: Tang An Bing (唐安冰)



When the elevator opens at Level 47, visitors are transported to a futuristic world that imagines life on planet Mars.

Image credit: CapitaLand



The exhibition trail leads to a pocket park.

Image credit: CapitaLand



The Crystal is home to close to 120 trees that will grow to 9 metres tall when fully matured.

Image credit: CapitaLand



The undisputed showstopper: Stepping onto the open-air deck, visitors enjoy 270-degree panoramic views of Chongqing's skyline.

Image credit: CapitaLand



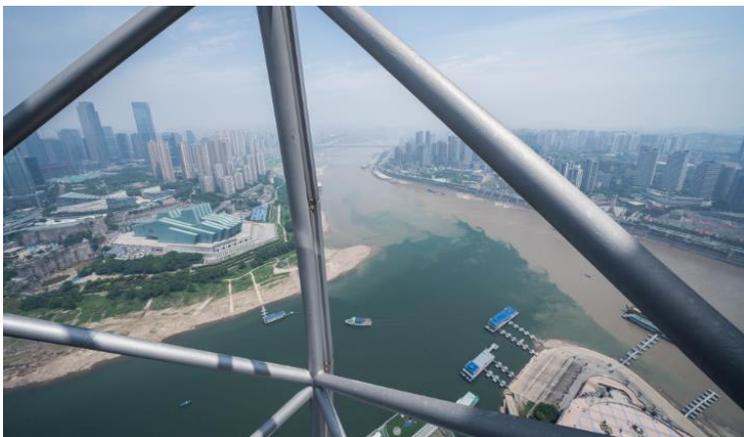
Adrenaline-seekers will love the thrill of walking and sitting on the see-through glass floor at a height of 250 metres.

Image credit: Peng Yong
(彭镛)



The Exploration Deck offers the best vantage point to admire views of Yangtze River's brown merging with Jialing River's blue in a wondrous display of nature.

Image credit: Jiang Ji Hang
(蒋继航)



A closer look at the confluence of Yangtze and Jialing rivers.

Image credit: Jiang Ji Hang
(蒋继航)

Annex B

Fact Sheet on The Crystal

Known as Raffles City Chongqing's crowning glory and the development's "horizontal skyscraper", The Crystal is an enclosed sky bridge nestled above four 250-m-tall skyscrapers and links two adjacent towers by cantilevered bridges. Measuring 300 m in length, 32.5 m in width and 26.5 m in height, it is the world's highest sky bridge linking the most number of towers.

Envisaged as the centre of civic activities where locals and visitors from around the world converge in Chongqing, The Crystal houses a rich array of amenities, including a viewing gallery, lush gardens, an infinity pool and restaurants. When darkness falls, it transforms into a giant light beam, illuminating the night sky with a pulsating light show. To ensure the public's year-round enjoyment of The Crystal's facilities, design provisions such as air-conditioning, have also been catered for.

The Crystal is made up of a continuous steel structure weighing 12,000 tons and enclosed with a ring comprising about 3,000 pieces of glass panels and close to 5,000 aluminium panels. To erect efficiently, the steel structure is first divided into nine segments – four segments that are built in-situ above the four towers; three middle segments suspended between the four towers that are prefabricated on ground and hoisted into place by hydraulic strand jacks; and two cantilever segments that are assembled in short sections from the two ends of the rightmost and leftmost towers. Hoisting the three middle steel segments of The Crystal – each weighing up to 1,100 tons – to the designated height of 250 m marks a world first.

Fun facts

- 1) At 300 m long, The Crystal is longer than Singapore's tallest building laid on its side. This is also more than three times the height of the Statue of Liberty in the United States, which measures 93 m, laid on its side.
- 2) The Crystal's continuous steel structure weighing 12,000 tons is equivalent to the total weight of France's Eiffel Tower.
- 3) The Crystal is home to close to 120 trees, which will measure about 9 m in height when they have matured.
- 4) The Crystal houses two pools – a 50 m x 8 m main pool and an adjoining 10 m x 8 m children's pool.

Annex C

Fact Sheet on Raffles City Chongqing

Location	Chaotianmen, Yuzhong District, Chongqing, China (No. 8, Jiesheng Street)
Description	<p>An integrated development with eight towers comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a 73-storey residential tower; - a 65-storey office-and-hotel tower; - two 47-storey residential towers; - two 46-storey residential towers; - a 43-storey office-and-serviced residence tower; - a 40-storey office tower; and - an enclosed sky bridge, The Crystal, nestled above four of the towers and linked to two adjacent towers by cantilevered bridges. It measures 300 m in length, 32.5 m in width and 26.5 m in height. <p>Sitting below these towers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a 5-storey shopping mall (L1 to L5) with an open-access roof garden Gateway Park; - a subway station, ferry terminal, bus terminal, a tourist centre; and - 3 levels of basement car park (B1 to B3).
Site area	9.2 hectares
Construction floor area	1.12 million sq m
Gross floor area (excluding car park)	817,000 sq m
Number of car park spaces (for the entire development)	3,200 lots
Number of shops	Over 400
Developer / owner	CapitaLand
Estimated opening date	<p>Shopping mall: September 2019</p> <p>Ascott Raffles City Chongqing: September 2019</p> <p>Office Tower A (T4N): 1Q 2020</p> <p>The Crystal sky bridge: 1H 2020</p> <p>InterContinental Raffles City Chongqing: 2H 2020</p>
Project development expenditure	RMB24 billion (about S\$4.8 billion)

Key Consultants

Architects	Safdie Architects P & T Group International Ltd
Quantity surveyor	Rider Levett Bucknall Limited
Mechanical, electrical & plumbing engineer	WSP (formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff Consultants (Pte) Ltd)
Structural engineers	Arup International Consultants (Shanghai) Co, Ltd.
Commercial Consultant	Buchan Group
Lighting Consultant	BPI (Branston Partnership Inc)
Landscape Consultant	WAA