

Olympic 2012 calling London



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We are proud to be a host country for London 2012 Olympic from 27 July to 12 August, 2012 and welcome back the Olympics after 64 years. As I live in this part of London, my excitement is Wembley and Borough of Brent plays its part by providing host venues for football, badminton and rhythmic gymnastics. Olympic Veldrome for Britain's cycling and sprinter is the first London 2012 venue has already finished. This will be third time for London Olympic games having previously done so in 1908 and in 1948.



As London is a multicultural society the logo of the Olympic itself will prove that it is for everyone regardless of age, culture and language design to be populated to contain infills and images. And it is recognizable enough for everyone to feel and be part of London 2012. We will be keeping our Asian identity as part of its cultural event.

The emblem shows that the Games is more than London more than sport. That is why it is containing neither sporting images nor pictures of London landmarks.



The Londoners are eagerly waiting to see the dream come true since London was elected as the best venue on 6th July, 2005, during 117th IOC (International Olympic Committee) session in Singapore defeating Moscow, New York, Madrid and Paris. Good effort and well done Lord Sebastian Coe !

I still remember the day when we all glued to the television watching the four rounds of voting and celebrated after the result. The feeling was same for us when India was selected to hold the Commonwealth Games in the year 2010.



My usual work route to Snarebrook every other day I pass Stratford station I can see the Olympic stadium is under construction and makes me wonder how depressing and derelict this part of East London is now changing. I notice straightaway the triangles and it being illuminated. Which on the same train journey, I see Canary Wharf and flashing triangle light as well.

The Stratford International train station has been built to serve those coming to the 2012 London Olympics. The London Olympic Athletes Village, (which will be the subject of a future post) is now under construction immediately adjacent to the station and visible from its gleaming and relatively vacant lobby. World biggest McDonald's is to open at the Olympic park.

Last Monday, to my surprise I met a gentleman in the train sitting opposite to me reading morning newspaper. He simply greeted to me "Good Morning" I said "Morning" wondering for a moment the face seems familiar although I was not so sure as his cap covered half way down. The gentleman was Mr. Boris Johnson, Mayor of London. I congratulate him and look forward to Britain being provided with some much - needed cheer next summer. He asked me if I am coming to see the Olympic site. When I mention to him that it must be hard work he says its costing billions - money that, had we known about the recession back in 2005, might have been spent more wisely.



The ceremonial event, where people from all walks of life carry the Olympic torch across the host country is particularly symbolic to those who began the Olympic tradition. The Olympic flame arrive from Greece at the Olympic stadium in Stratford East London for the opening ceremony of the games on July 27, 2012. It will tour all around the country, and also have a British sporting history element to it - so the torch will be run past many of those famous sporting venues such as Wimbledon, Old Trafford -(stadium of Manchester United) , St. Andrew's. We welcome the decision of the organisers that -Daley Thompson, a former decathele from England is to light the Olympic flame at the opening ceremony.

Councillors, Community Leaders, MPs and Peers are all working together at the City Hall (Mayor's office) for the finishing touches of this historical event.

We wish the London 2012 Olympics will be a great success and it delivers a regeneration and sporting legacy worth every penny of Britain's £9.3billion investment.

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