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King Dragon to Rule New Beijing Waterpark ***World's largest mall will include giant indoor waterpark with dragon-themed water slide***

Istanbul, Turkey (May 11, 2012) – Dragons *rule* in China. For thousands of years, in fact, the Chinese people have considered dragons to be a potent and auspicious symbol of power and fortune with special control over water, rainfall, hurricanes and floods. In historic times, the Chinese worshipped dragons as the rulers of moving bodies of water, too, from waterfalls to rivers and seas.

With such a fitting backstory, then, it's no surprise that the owners of a new indoor waterpark in Beijing have chosen a dragon as the theme of a major waterslide attraction.

The waterpark, which is currently under construction, at the Great Mall of China (GMOC) will include a variety of slides and cover 23,000 square meters (75,459 square feet) and reach a height of 30 meters (98 feet). And while that in itself may sound expansive, the waterpark and its myriad features are only part of a giant complex that—when completed—will become the largest mall in the World.

Shopping, Entertainment, Business and More

The Great Mall of China is slated to be the world's largest integrated entertainment and commercial shopping malls. (The largest to date is in Dubai.) Located in Yanjiao, a city in East Beijing, in the Hebei province, the facility's plans comprise space for shopping and entertainment offerings that include a waterpark, two theme parks—one "extreme" and another for families—a theater and an aquarium. The site will also include two hotels, a convention hall, office towers and apartments. An indoor monorail will move people throughout the sprawling space.

When completed, within the next five years, the complex will cover 5.6 million square meters (18.5 million square feet).

Construction is being divided into several phases. Phase one, which has already started, will include the two theme parks and the waterpark. Mall management expect to finish phase one by October 2013.

A major attraction of the two-level waterpark (the second floor will be glass-enclosed allowing mall patrons to view inside) will be the King Cobra waterslide, a signature design of waterpark supplier Polin (Istanbul, Turkey). Polin's Marketing Manager Sohret Pakis describes the ride as "one of the most intense riding experiences in the industry." Plus, she says, the waterpark's owners were impressed with its visual impact and appeal. "By theming the slide as a dragon, it ties in perfectly with a powerful symbol recognizable to all Chinese guests who visit the park." she explains.

The core feature of the patent-pending King Cobra is its unique configuration. The ride enables two double tubes to race through a circular path of twists, turns and surprises. The heart-pounding ride continues as riders experience the drop of their lives and then race together before entering the ride's basin at the same time.



Apart from its unique ride path and design configuration, the King Cobra is also the first waterslide to offer its own fiberglass theming, Pakis adds. In addition to the Great Mall of China, the ride is being featured at Six Flags Great Adventure in the United States (Jackson, N.J.) (opening June 2012), Aqualand Frejus in France (opening May 2012), Crystal World in Turkey (June 2012), KermanShah Waterpark in Iran (September 2012), Bugs Waterpark in Indonesia (October 2012) and Escape Waterpark in Malaysia (October 2012).

Attractions That Appeal to Everyone

In addition to the King Cobra ride, Polin is installing three other signature rides with special theming at the GMOC: the Space Shuttle waterslide, the Navigatour watercoaster and a triple Blackhole tube slide.

- **Space Shuttle.** This new adrenaline-pumping waterslide is available in fully open, fully enclosed and half-closed versions. Exits can be designed as either a pool or a run-out.
- **Uphill Navigatour.** Riders are accelerated along this slide via hydro jets and water-injection propulsion. Capable of carrying one or two riders, the ride can be installed to take guests from floating queues in leisure rivers or from towers into steep drops.
- **Blackhole.** An enclosed tube slide, this ride features a variety of special effects including one of unique, changing color effects inside the slide's fiberglass tube.

Additional attractions at the park will include two speed slides, three extreme slides, a racing slide, water-play structure, wave pool, Jacuzzi, leisure river, rapid river and relaxation pool. Specific attractions to be featured are:

- **Speed slides:** The *Freefall* and *Kamikaze* slides feature a 28-inch by 40-inch (711-mm x 1,016-mm) slide with a 2,006-liters-per-minute (530-gallon-per-minute) flow rate that can handle 120 people per hour. Their differences: The Freefall employs one heart-stopping free-fall experience, while the Kamikaze features a slide path with multiple drops.
- **Extreme slides:** The *Space Hole* will provide numerous sensations for riders, who will first fly through a 23-meter (75-foot) enclosed flume, then ride the centrifugal force around a huge open bowl and finally make a giant splash upon exit. The *Space Boat* combines features of the Space Hole and another Polin ride, the Black Hole, an enclosed 70-meter (230-foot) tube slide that features special changing-color lighting effects. The Space Boat uses tubes that accommodate single or double riders. The *Turbo Lance* puts riders first through a steep drop before being propelled vertically uphill. On the reverse path, they ride a bump before ending in a splash pool. In all, riders will travel nearly 34 meters (111.5 feet) along the Turbo Lance path.
- **Racing slides:** The *Windigo* begins in an enclosed Aquatube slide and transforms into a high-speed multiracing mat slide.
- **Water play structure:** The *Aquatower 100*, with a pirate theme, gives little ones tot-sized waterslides along with valves, water cannons and other attractions to keep them busy. Pool depths range from 0.4 meters (1.3 feet).

The water-play structure is particularly important because, Sila Gokalp, Landscape Architect, Polin explains, "Children are considered the most important guests of the park." Thus, the facility will also feature three zones focused on young ones. Each zone will have its own pool and kid-sized slides to ensure one area doesn't get overly crowded. Throughout all three zones, more than 50 different water-play attractions will allow children to splash, squirt and spray.

The facility is being funded by Berjaya Great Mall Co. Ltd. (Hebei, China). CEO of BGMOG, Kevin Tan says the waterpark is an integral part of the overall facility's success. "I'm very excited about the project," he notes.

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Image 1: GMOC Waterpark, Berjaya China



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More on Polin

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