

Rooftop aisle surrounding Bird's Nest opens to public



Participants of a running race pose for photos in the newly renovated walkways on the roof of the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in Beijing on Saturday, February 11, 2017. [Photo: people.cn]

A walkway extending 1,000-meter-long on top of National Stadium, known as the Bird's Nest, opened to the public for the first time following an amateur winter sports program hosted on Feb. 11.

Nearly 100 contenders joining in skiing and Kirnu competitions in the stadium as the first group of visitors to the rooftop causeway were treated to a bird's eye view 60 meters above the ground.

According to Beijing Youth Daily, the new walkway was built on the 230-meter-long original corridor, where the route now is connected with 600-meter and 100-meter causeways on the top and medium parts of the stadium.

According to staff working in the stadium, two observation towers soaring 69 meters into the air have been opened to visitors.

Platforms at the north, south and west wings are established for visitors to take breaks, and a deck on an east to west axis surrounded with 2-meter-high glass screens is designed to protect visitors from falling while presenting them with scenery through the transparent wall.

The walkway costs 80 yuan (US\$11.62) per visit.