**LEGOLAND® season number 50 opened with a royal visit**

**With the visit of T.R.H. Prince Joachim, Princess Marie, Prince Felix, Prince Henrik and Princess Athena, LEGOLAND® opened its gates to a very special season in which the park can celebrate its 50th birthday. The royal family was also present at the inauguration of the brand new rollercoaster the Flying Eagle, where they went on the first ride together with the chief.**

It was with great enthusiasm that LEGOLAND® opened its gates to a new season devoted to the park’s birthday. To open LEGOLAND, the park had some help from T.H. Prince Henrik and Princess Athena, who pushed the large LEGO® button and opened the gates to LEGOLAND and a transformed park with new colours and lots of LEGO models.

* Our guests will be sucked into an overwhelming LEGO universe as soon as they enter the park, and the LEGO models from their rooms have grown to gigantic sizes. It is a big transformation, which we have been looking very much forward to showing for our guests, and it is therefore also a great pleasure to be able to open the doors to LEGOLAND today with a royal visit, says Christian Woller, Managing Director of LEGOLAND.

**First ride in the new rollercoaster**

LEGOLAND also presented an upgraded version of the well-loved area of LEGOREDO® Town. LEGO Canoe has been completely restored after 25 years with more than 18 million canoe rides, and it has got a brand new neighbour in the form of the rollercoaster the Flying Eagle, which primarily addresses the smaller children.

To take the first ride in the new rollercoaster, Chief Longears found himself in the prestigious company of T.R.H. Prince Joachim and Princess Marie and T.H. Prince Felix, Prince Henrik and Princess Athena.

* We are really happy that we managed to get ready for the inauguration today. It is no secret that we have been struggling with a very late winter, and that is why the area around the rollercoaster is not completely finished yet, but this will steadily be accomplished in the course of the next few weeks, says Christian Woller.

The Flying Eagle flies through an impressive Rocky Mountains inspired landscape, where the guests first move 11 metres up in the air after which it goes quickly downwards with 46 km/h past the lakes and the LEGO animals, until they land safely on the platform.

* It is always exciting when we open an entirely new rollercoaster but it seems that the royal family enjoyed the ride, even though the temperature does not quite say spring yet, says Christian Woller.

Shortly after the inauguration of the Flying Eagle, the rollercoaster opened officially for all park guests, who also gave the new ride a good welcome.

* It has been a really good day, and the enthusiasm among our guests really highlighted to us, how popular the LEGOREDO Town area is, says Christian Woller.

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