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ICC Wales joins events industry leaders to win even more business for the UK

Representatives from the International Convention Centre Wales (ICC Wales) last week joined senior business leaders from all over the world to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the events industry, including how to win even more business events for Wales and the rest of the UK.

The invitation-only "Business of Events Leadership Forum" was held at the QE2 Conference Centre in central London where ICC Wales delegates met with attendees and speakers from the rest of the UK, Europe and the United States to debate how to make the whole of the UK even more competitive on the global stage.

Senior ICC Wales delegates and partners from Welsh Government also took the opportunity to brief Tourism Minister John Glen and other senior UK Government officials and leaders from across the UK events industry on the latest developments at ICC Wales, which is due to open at Celtic Manor in 2019.

lan Edwards, Chief Executive of ICC Wales, commented: "It was an honour to be invited to such an exclusive event and to bang the drum for Wales with senior leaders in our industry. To be invited to this kind of event, even before we've opened our doors, recognises not only the venue's importance but also our vision for Wales within the events industry. We truly are putting Wales on the map for conferences, meetings and events."

Opening in 2019, the ICC Wales is located within the grounds of the Celtic Manor in Newport, just two minutes from the M4. The new-build 26,000sqm venue will accommodate 5,000 delegates and includes a 4,000sqm pillar-free main hall, a 1,500-seated auditorium, 12 flexible meeting rooms, a double-height glass atrium and a 2,500sqm outdoor plaza for outside events and teambuilding.

The ICC wales is a joint venture between the owners of the Celtic Manor and Welsh Government and is managed by Celtic Manor's expert leadership team responsible for the successful delivery of the 2014 NATO Summit and the 2010 Ryder Cup.



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