

## **What is the legacy of the 2012 London Olympic Games?**

London's 2012 Olympics was surrounded by mantras of success and fame propelled by politicians and residents alike. Centred on London's Olympic park with Velodrome, Olympic Stadium and BMX Circuit as the main venues, the event ignited hopes for massive growth and development. Not to say that the Olympics did not deliver something to write home about, but in hushed tones it's clear people's expectations were not met.

Development of approximately 6,500 new homes, rejuvenation of the poorest parts of the city, and creation of numerous jobs for the locals were top highlights linked to the event. However, reality on the ground is far from the promises made or at least the promises implied. Britons participation in sports did not skyrocket also as expected. Britons sum it up as a catacomb for tax payers' £9 billion.

Bitter-sweet some may say it was! Although the prospects were not realised to expectation, significant improvements in the transport system were achieved. The Docklands light railway and the Javelin high-speed train are some of the highpoints of resultant developments.

The 2012 London Olympics will always linger in the minds of many, if not for the few developments, at least for the joy of the moment.