

Preparations for COP24

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Highlights

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During his visit, the Minister met with the city authorities, representatives of the general contractor and the security services. The talks were focused on the organizational aspects of the conference, dedicated transport network and the safety aspects of the participants.

The Minister also visited the International Conference Centre (MCK), where the upcoming event will take place.

Following the ministerial visit, an outdoor press conference was held on the roof of the MCK with the participation of the Minister of Environment Henryk Kowalczyk, Vice-President of Katowice Mariusz Skiba and Vice-President of the Management Board of Poznan International Fair (MTP) Tomasz Kobierski.

Less than three months is left to the COP24 conference, and there is still a lot of work ahead of us, but I can assure you that works on the appropriate logistics infrastructure are going in the right direction said the Minister.

COP24 is a great logistical challenge and I am very pleased that the company responsible for logistical organisation of the COP24 has extensive experience in managing events on an international scale - said Henryk Kowalczyk.

The Minister also talked about the safety aspects of the upcoming conference. *The Katowice COP24 session in December is expected to be attended by approximately 30 thousand delegates, among them many heads of state and government. The conference will bring together approximately 30 thousand delegates from over the world. Providing safety and security to participants always poses a considerable challenge. I am convinced however that we will meet all the requirements,* the Minister underlined.

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COP24 also known as the 24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held on 3-14 December 2018 in Katowice.

The plan for the COP24 is to adopt a full package implementing the Paris Agreement. The Agreement is the first international agreement in history, which compels all countries in the world to take action on climate protection. The implementation package will allow for the implementation of the Agreement in practice. It will thus set global climate and energy policy for the coming years.