

Museum Awarded Guinness World Record

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The Royal Air Force Museum is delighted to announce that its attempt to obtain the world record for the most model Spitfires constructed in a day has been confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The attempt, run with the support of Airfix and Ebury Publishing, took place on 19th December 2009 with participants arriving from afar a field as Singapore and Australia to participate. Members of the public worked throughout the day at the Museum, with each individual who successfully completed their model rewarded by taking it home to keep.

Paul Hudson, Head of Marketing at the Museum, stated:

I would like to thank Airfix and Ebury publishing for presenting us with the opportunity of hosting this world record attempt. But most of all I would like to thank each one of our visitors who braved some incredibly inclement weather to assist us with this endeavour. It is through their efforts that we are able to celebrate this award. This world record belongs not to the Museum or our partners but to the families and modellers who assisted us on the day.

It is particularly gratifying to find out about this award in the run up to the Museum's celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, later this year."

In total 250 model Spitfire aircraft were constructed and painted over a 6 hour period.

The Royal Air Force Museum London is open daily from 10am to 6pm, with last admission at 5:30pm. To learn more about the various free family activities that the Museum offers, please visit www.rafmuseum.org/london or call the museum's 24 hour information line on 0208 358 4964. Admission to the museum is free.

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Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- Royal Air Force
- Open daily between 10am 6pm (Last admission 5.30pm)
- Free admission with a calendar of free family events
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Ajay Srivastava on 020 8358 4863 or ajay@rafmuseum.org