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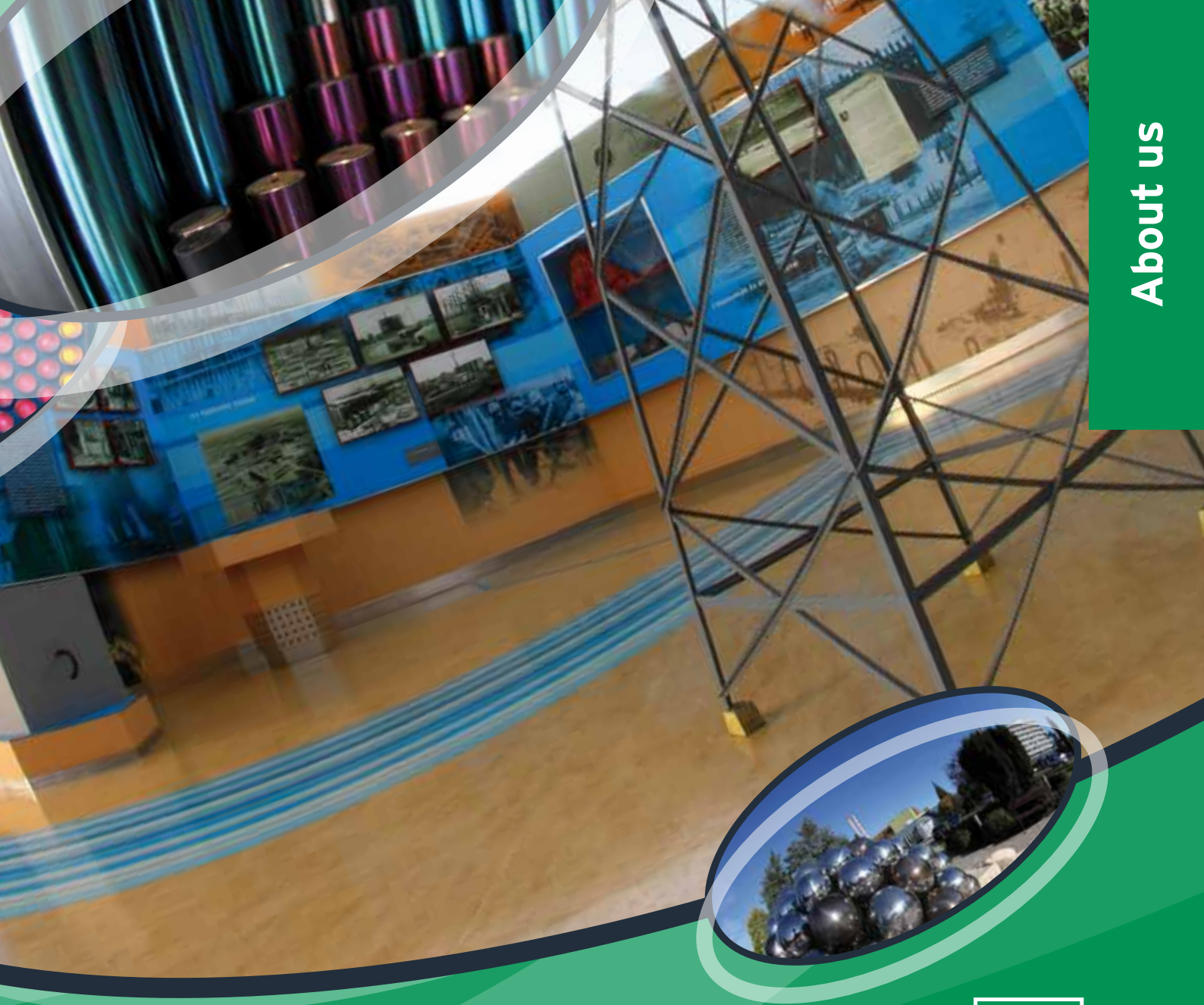

Information and Visiting Centre of Paks Nuclear Power Plant

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In addition to the safe operation, the sole NPP of Hungary believes that information of the population is one of its essential tasks. Complying with this purpose, we opened our Information and Visiting Centre in September, 1995 which annually receives almost 30 thousand visitors.

Approximating the Information and Visiting Centre, the visitors can walk between busts of world-famous scientists: Jenő Wigner, János Neumann, Leó Szilárd, Ede Teller, György Hevesy, Tódor Kármán, György Marx and András Lévai.

The Information and Visiting Centre, reconstructed in the summer of 2009, awaits its visitors with a modern, interactive exhibition which provides useful information to both people getting acquainted with nuclear energy and professional ones.

Entering the lobby, the visitors find themselves in front of a great aquarium which shows connection between the river Danube and the NPP.

The exhibition proceeds with historical and ethnographical elements; these demonstrate old and near past of Paks and its environment.

Moving on, with the help of an interactive table, the visitors can get an inside view of Hungarian electricity production and consumption data; can be acquainted with the information of the share of the NPP in the domestic electricity production. Here they can view the glass-case in which fuels of different type power plants are compared to each other.

At the next section the visitors can be acquainted with events of the heroic age of nuclear energy and with life-work of the scientists, busts of whom are placed in the park of statues.
After that there is a good challenge for adventurous visitors who can virtually produce electricity with the help of an energy-producing bicycle.

Using the interactive world map the guests can get information about all nuclear power plant units operating in the world.

Moving on, interested visitors can study details of power plant construction and power uprating, then can be acquainted with lesser-known information with the help of panels showing radioactivity, background radiation and nuclear fission. At the fog chamber they can survey mysteries of the micro world. Next to the map showing environment monitoring stations of the nuclear power plant, the actual data and the background radiation of near past are indicated on a display. Lifelike fuel assemblies represent the active core of the reactor and operation of units is presented by an animation model. With the help of the "screen of reliance" anybody can get to know what happens at that moment in the control room, in the hall of nuclear reactors or in the vicinity of the generators producing electricity.

Possessing this environmental and technological knowledge it is easier to be acquainted with the topic of radioactive wastes as well.

Visitors can get acquainted with renewable energy sources; they are allowed to turn on the circuit of solar cells.

Finally, the future of the nuclear power plant, that is the topic of long term operation and capacity expansion, is presented.

At the end of the exhibition, adventurous visitors can take an exam on the examining machines and can check their knowledge earlier acquired. A photographic appreciative certificate is granted to successful examinees.

A great panoramic view to the power plant can be seen from the cupola at the top of the building. For relaxation, visitors can write a greeting card to their friends in the mini post office. Greeting cards and post stamps are free. Visitors can take many kinds of free information leaflets with them.

In addition to the exhibition of the Visiting Centre and the Unit 4 route, it is possible to visit other areas of the NPP, depending on the area of interest and with a limited number of guests:

The exhibition of the **Museum of Nuclear Energetics,** with the status of national special museum, consists of more smaller and bigger thematic parts which perpetuate the history of construction works, operation of the nuclear power plant and its material memories from the 1960's until nowadays.

The **Public Agency for Radioactive Waste Management (PURAM) Ltd** located in the neighbourhood of the nuclear power plant, waits for visitors who completed the seventh class of elementary school, with a presentation room showing activity of their company.

The **Protected Control Point** is an underground facility, protecting capability and equipage of which ensure safe circumstances in the case of extreme conditions (radiation, earthquake, fire and heat effect, chemical or biological hazards, extreme weather circumstances).

The main activity of the **Nuclear Power Plant Fire Brigade,** at the area of the Paks NPP, is to provide mobile fire protection, damage prevention, as well as life and technical saving. They receive groups of professional visitors.

The **Maintenance and Training Centre** (MTC) is an advanced maintenance-training centre serving for basic and refreshing trainings and preparing nuclear power plant experts complying with the high-level requirements. A real reactor, steam generator and other essential equipment provide unique training and practising conditions in the centre.
Registrations to visit the facilities mentioned above are handled by the employees of the Visiting Centre. Our qualified guides are ready to provide an approximately 1- hour program in all areas of interest which can be attended by the interested groups within a time limit according to opening hours of the Visiting Centre.

Be our guest!

Important information related to visiting:

The exhibition of the Visiting Centre can be visited during opening hours individually, without age limit and preliminary registration.

Within the frame of a grouped visit it is possible to view the exhibition of the Visiting Centre and participate in plant tour with the help of an expert guide. The visitors can see the operating nuclear reactors and the control room from the glazed corridor of Unit 4, as well as upon entering the largest turbine hall in Hungary they can have a close look at the huge turbine-generator equipment. This program is offered for visitors over 16 years of age and only within the frame of a grouped visit after preliminary registration.
The number of members of a group is allowed to be minimum 10, maximum 40. The registration of grouped visiting demand shall be submitted at least three weeks before the selected date; if the requested time is not appropriate, then another one will be offered. Guided visit is provided only on weekdays. In case of a grouped visit, the plant visiting form can be downloaded from the homepage of the Nuclear Power Plant and should be sent electronically two weeks before the date of the visit. This form is not considered as registration, before its sending, please request a time from us.
Entering the plant area is allowed only if the visitors wear closed clothes and shoes. The group moves afoot at the plant area, in order to view the reactor hall they get up to the level of +33 m through a staircase.

Come, look, understand!

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Opening hours:

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