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MILAN-EXPO 2015 WORLD FAIR

ITALYS CHANCE TO SHOW THERE IS A FUTURE

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USPA NEWS - Premier Matteo Renzi said Friday that Milan Expo 2015 is a chance for Italy to show the world it has a great future ahead of it. "We have to present Italy not only as a country with an important history but also as a country capable of investing in its' future," said Renzi at the Fairs worksite.

Renzi said Italy will successfully host Milan Expo 2015, albeit with a rush in the final stage of preparations. "We'll do it, it's in our DNA, running till the end," Renzi said during a visit to the worksite of the six-month World Fair, which opens in May. The premier said he was astounded by the progress that has been made since his last visit to the site. "Seeing it again after six months makes your heart jump". Renzi said Friday that he was confident every Italian family would visit Milan Expo 2015 and that some 10 million tickets would be sold for the World Fair.

He also revindicated his decision to press ahead with Expo last year, when it was expected to be called off when the event was hit by a corruption probe. "Expo was a scene of scandal and people were afraid," Renzi said. "But that page has been turned. Milan and Lombardy are not playing this match on their own, it concerns the whole of Italy".

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