

Obama to visit One World Trade Center construction

WASHINGTON -- President Obama will visit the former site of the World Trade Center this month to view the progress of One World Trade Center, the growing skyscraper that became the tallest building in New York City this spring.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest briefed reporters Friday about the visit, which is scheduled for Flag Day, June 14, according to FOX News Channel.

More than a decade after the 9/11 terror attacks, the building's skeleton finally surpassed the Empire State Building's 1,250 foot high observation deck on April 30.

Once known as the Freedom Tower, One World Trade Center will eventually measure 1,776 feet, including a 408 foot tall needle that will be attached to the roof.

The tower is expected to be completed at the end of 2013 or early 2014.

Earnest told reporters Obama's visit will be a preview of the skyscraper's "topping-out ceremony," a traditional event held to commemorate the completion of a building's structure.

On Wednesday night, the 9/11 Memorial also marked the 10th anniversary of the end of clean-up operations at Ground Zero.