

Old Trafford Goes Into History? Man Utd Push for New 100,000-Seater Home

Manchester United is pushing for a new 100,000-seat home.

The Guardian, a British daily newspaper, said on July 29 that new Manchester United owner Jam Ratcliffe is "looking forward to building a 100,000-seat stadium."

Manchester United shareholders, including owner Ratcliffe, are expected to make a final decision on building a new stadium by December this year.

It is expected to cost more than 2 billion pounds (about 3.55 trillion won) for Manchester United to build a new 100,000-seat home stadium. It is expected to take at least six years from the start of construction to completion.

Manchester United's new home stadium will be built next to Old Trafford. Manchester United will continue to use Old Trafford until its new home stadium is completed.

Another option was to rebuild or remodel Old Trafford. Manchester United does not choose this option. It has to close the ground or play home games in other stadiums during the construction period. At this time, the club's profits could drop significantly.

Colette Roche, Manchester United's chief operating officer, even visited Santiago Bernabeu, Real Madrid's home stadium, to use it as a reference, as the remodeling is about to be completed. On Saturday, she also visited SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California. Manchester United had a friendly match with Arsenal at the stadium. The stadium, which seats up to 70,000 people (up to 100,000 people), opened in 2020.

Old Trafford has been in use since 1910. It has a history of more than 100 years. As a result, aging facilities such as leaking roofs at stadiums and backflow of sewage pipes were pointed out as problems. 안전놀이터