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Turkish suspension bridge sets new world record

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Turkey's president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on 18 March formally opened the world's longest suspension bridge at Çanakkale, over the entrance to the Dardanelles Straits between the Aegean and Marmara seas.

Expected to carry 45,000 vehicles a day, the 1915 Çanakkale Bridge's 2,023-meter-main span beats the 1,992 meters of Japan's Akashi Kaikyo Bridge. Its two 318-m-tall towers are also record-breakers.

The design/build joint venture of Daelim, Limak, SK and Yapı Merkezi built the crossing in approximately five years with designs led by Denmark's COWI A/S.

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