



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Mexican Food Festival** **Hotel President, Vltava Restaurant** **16th – 21st May, 2006**

President Hotel, in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States of Mexico and Front Line s.r.o. company, organized another food festival. The festival took place from 16 to 21 of May 2006 and its aim was to present the country from both culinary and cultural point of view.

Mexican Food Festival was launched by **Mr. Federico Salas**, Ambassador of Mexico, on 16th of May 2006. The inauguration was accompanied by music performance of Mexican mariachi, exhibition of graphic art by Mexican contemporary artists, presentation of Mexican gastronomy, tequila tasting and Mexican traditional game "piñata". During the whole week, a special menu composed of Mexican specialties prepared by **Lukáš Vokrouhлік** was served in the Vltava Restaurant.

Prague 22 May, 2006

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#### Attachments:

**Foto 1** – "Marinera" dance, Boris Barreto and Verónica Drozan

**Foto 2** – From the right H.E. Mr. Carlos Alejandro Barros, ambassador of Uruguay, Mrs. María Yolanda de Alencastro, wife of ambassador of Brazil, Mrs. María José Baez, chargé d'affaires of Venezuela, H.E. Mr. Alberto Salas Barahona, ambassador of Peru, Mrs. Zuzana Paroubková, wife of Prime Minister of Czech Republic, Mrs. Isabel Klammer, wife of ambassador of Chile, H.E. Mr. Carlos Klammer, ambassador of Chile, Ms. Aymée Hernández Quesada, chargé d'affaires of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Afonso Emilio de Alencastro Massot, ambassador of Brazil, Mrs. Barros, wife of ambassador of Uruguay

**Foto 3** – From the right Nicole Perret, assistant to guest chef, Elmer Perez Benavides, personnel of Peruvian ambassador's residence, Adolfo Perret, guest chef, Milan Vorel, personnel of Peruvian ambassador's residence, Humberto Sánchez, assistant to guest chef, Miriam Jara, personnel of Peruvian ambassador's residence.

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- The base stone of President Hotel was set in 1928 by decision of the Czech Association of Engineers and Architects (SIA) to build up a representative seat of their organisation. In 1978, the attractive place next to SIA building was chosen for the imposing project of a hotel. Immediately after it was finished, the hotel, in that time called Budovatel, was joined with the original SIA building. In 1984, the building was rebuilt in the so-called monolithic style. In 2002, during the destructive floods President Hotel was heavily affected and had to be closed. The refurbishment started on 1st of August, 2003 and was completed on 6th of August, 2004.
- Since 1992, President Hotel – Casino Praha is being owned by Spanish company Comar which runs a chain of prestigious casinos all over the world.