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The President Hotel hosted Mexican Gastronomy Festival

From 13th to 19th October 2008 the President Hotel hosted a Mexican Gastronomy Festival in its popular Vltava Restaurant, and throughout the week guests had the possibility of savouring some wonderful Mexican specialties from a choice of two different menus.

The Mexican Gastronomy Festival was officially started with a gala evening hosted by Guillermo Olivares, the General Manager of the President Hotel. The evening's VIP guests included the Mexican Ambassador, José Luis Bernal Rodriguez, who made the official opening speech. More than two hundred guests attended the gala evening including Ambassadors and guests from the Mexican Embassy as well as business partners of the President Hotel.

The themed programme introduced a Mexican dance troop Dvorana and music by the band, Mariachi Azteca de Praga which created a great atmosphere. During the course of the evening guests enjoyed a number of Mexican specialties which were prepared by an experienced Mexican Chef, Ignacio Fuentes Alanis, brought in specially for the week, plus, of course, there was plenty of the popular Mexican tequila to complement the food!

This was the second Mexican Gastronomy Festival in the Hotel President and it was again organized in co-operation with the Mexican Embassy. Apart from the Mexican Gastronomy Festival the President Hotel has been host to another of other food festivals in the past, including Venezuelan and Peruvian Gastronomy Festivals.

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Attachments:

Photo 1 – Mexican Gastronomy Festival (Dvorana Dancers)

Photo 2 – Mexican Gastronomy Festival (Mr. José Luis Bernal Rodriguez, the Mexican Ambassador, with his wife, Mr. Guillermo Olivares, the General Manager of the President Hotel, Mr. Milan Pešek, the Chef in the President Hotel and Mexican cooks incl. Mr. Ignacio Fuentes Alanis, the Mexican Chef)

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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.