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### **Peruvian Gastronomy Festival** **Hotel President, Vltava Restaurant** **7th – 12th November, 2005**

It was the first time after its re-opening in August 2004 that the President Hotel organized a gastronomy festival, in cooperation with the Embassy of Peru in Prague, Travel Update agency, commission for travel and tourism promotion PromPerú and Inca Kola company.

The festival was opened by **Mrs. Zuzana Paroubková** and **Mr. Alberto Salas Barahona**, Ambassador of Peru in the Czech Republic on 7 of November. The opening ceremony was accompanied by music performance of the group “Huayra Perú” and traditional Peruvian dances presented by Boris Barreto and Verónica Drozan, champion of the “Marinera” dance. The visitors had an opportunity to see a presentation of Peruvian fine silver jewelry and natural products. Besides a selection of typical Peruvian dishes, such as “cebiche” (seafood marinated in lemon), “chupe de camarones”(soup of shrimps), “lomo saltado” (sauteed beef ), or “delicia de lúcuma” (a typical Peruvian dessert), a national drink of Peru, the so-called “Pisco Sour”, was served during the opening ceremony.

Within the festival, the exhibition of paintings of contemporary Peruvian artists called “Peruvian Colours” organized by the Acacia association took place. Thus together with the art of the guest chef, **Mr. Adolfo Perret**, President of Peruvian Association of Hotels and Restaurants, the guests of the Vltava Restaurant could admire the works of Alfredo Alcaide, Oscar Allain, Guillermo Niquén and others.

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#### Attachments:

**Photo 1** – “Marinera” dance, Boris Barreto and Verónica Drozan

**Photo 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. Affonso Emilio de Alencastro Massot, ambassador of Brazil, Mrs. Barros, wife of ambassador of Uruguay

**Photo 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.