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### **Inauguration of the Venezuelan Food Festival** **Hotel President, Velázquez Hall and Vltava Restaurant** **3rd – 10th November, 2006**

This week, another of the series of food festivals focused on gastronomy of Latin American countries is taking place in the President Hotel. After Peru and Mexico, Venezuela is now presenting its national cuisine in President Hotel's Vltava Restaurant. The guests have a unique opportunity to taste typical Venezuelan dishes prepared by the guest chef, **Mr. Elpidillo Banegas Díaz**.

The festival which is organized in cooperation with the Embassy of Venezuela, Asturfiel SK, k.s., and Company of Czech-Venezuelan Friendship, was inaugurated by **H.E. Mrs. María José Báez Loreto**, Chargé d'affaires of Venezuela, on Friday 3rd November, and it will end on Friday, 10th of November. The inauguration was accompanied by live Latin American music, presentation of Venezuelan gastronomy, rum tasting, and performance of a dance group who presented Venezuelan national dances.

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#### Attachments:

**Photo 1** – Venezuelan group of dance

**Photo 2** – Venezuelan rum tasting

**Photo 3** – From left – Mr. Guillermo Olivares, General Manager President Hotel, Mrs. Eliška Hašková-Coolidge, H.E. Mr. Alberto Salas Barahona, Ambassador of Peru, and H.E. Mrs. Carmelita R. Salas, Ambassador of Philippines

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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.