



New U.S. Ambassador Arrives



Richard Graber replaced William Cabaniss on September 23 as U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic. Formerly CEO of Milwaukee law firm Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. and one of the longest-serving Republican Party State Chairmen in the country, Graber presented his diplomatic credentials to President Vaclav Klaus on October 12, 2006.

U.S. Diplomats Ramp up Outreach



If you work for a school or civic organization that would enjoy a visit from a U.S. diplomat, please visit: http://prague.usembassy.gov/aic_amerikauvas.html

Our Speakers Bureau program provides outreach opportunities for Embassy employees. During the fall 2006 season thus far, diplomats have spoken with students and civic organizations in Ostrava, Brno, Liberec, Chomutov, Pilsen and Litomerice. Students have welcomed the chance to practice their English and have been keenly interested in U.S. missile defense plans, the environment, and visas, particularly the Work and Travel program, which allows students to work in the U.S. during the summer and add on time to travel and enjoy the U.S. (For further information on the Work and Travel program please click on the link below.)

http://prague.usembassy.gov/cons_procedures.html

Visa/Passport Section Improvements



Restoration of Renaissance ceiling panels, discovered during the reconstruction of the Embassy Consular Section, was completed in September. The panels, believed to have been painted during the 1590s, were discovered under a drop ceiling. The Embassy was pleased to preserve this small part of the cultural heritage of Prague. The number of teller windows in the waiting room has increased, the space will be doubled, and new comfortable chairs have been purchased to make your stay more pleasant. The project is scheduled for completion in late November.

U.S. Expert, Ambassador Graber Speak on Missile Defense

Ambassador Richard W. Graber and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Brian Green spoke on U.S. Missile Defense at an October 19 conference organized by Czech think tank Institute of International Relations. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Graber congratulated the Czech military at the conclusion of the nation's largest military exercise, "Strong Campaigner," adding that Czech participation in missile defense "would be an opportunity for a Czech leadership role in the defense and security of Europe." Defense policy expert Brian Green stressed the critical role missile defense can play in defense, in tandem with traditional nonproliferation and counter-proliferation efforts. U.S. Embassy Prague's website, <http://prague.usembassy.gov>, now features a new section tackling frequently asked questions on missile defense.

Ambassador Graber Inaugurates New U.S. Investment in the CR



On October 10, Ambassador Richard Graber's first official trip outside Prague was to take part in a grand opening ceremony in Zdar nad Sazavou for Arrow International's second facility in the Czech Republic. The facility is expected eventually to employ 400-600.

Arrow International's Board of Directors and senior Czech management team also participated in the opening, as did the mayor of Zdar nad Sazavou.

Delta Announces New Direct Flight from Prague to Atlanta



On October 11, Delta Air Lines, Prague Airport and Czech Airlines (which will code share the new flight) announced that starting May 2, 2007, Delta will fly five times weekly directly from Prague to Atlanta. Atlanta serves as Delta's main hub and would give passengers from Prague direct connections to destinations in 49 U.S. states, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Fulbright Commission Celebrates 15th Anniversary



From 1992-2006, the Fulbright Commission has supported exchanges of 434 Czech grantees and 384 U.S. grantees. The Commission's 15th anniversary was marked with a series of art exhibitions and accompanying cultural events. Info: www.fulbright.cz.

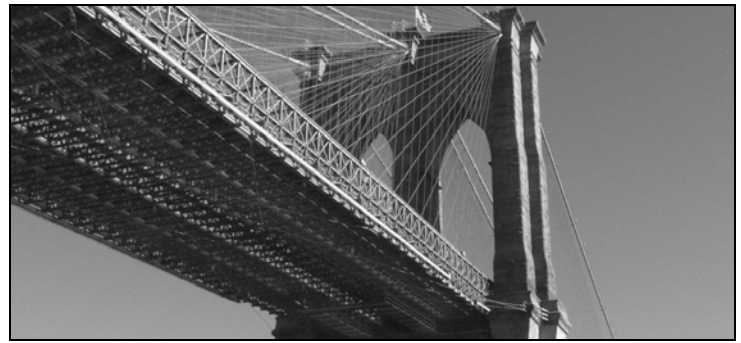
U.S. Human Trafficking Experts Share Experience With Czechs



U.S. Embassy Prague, in cooperation with the [International Organization for Migration](#) and the Czech government, sponsored a 5-day program (October 9 – 13) focused on Human Trafficking for Forced Labor. Mark Kappelhoff, a U.S. federal prosecutor and head of the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, shared his

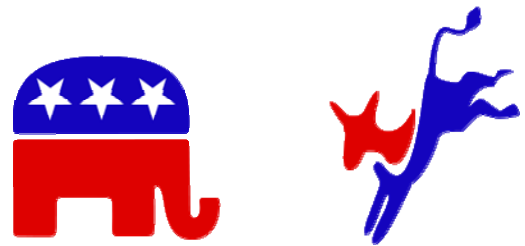
experience with Czech counterparts on investigating and prosecuting trafficking in persons, specifically forced labor.

“Landmarks of New York“ Exhibit



The U.S. Department of State and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission developed this traveling exhibition to emphasize the role of architecture in U.S. civic and national life. In many instances, New York City was a pioneer and many of its purpose-built structures became models for the rest of the country. The exhibition is open from October 19 until November 12 at the Jaroslav Fragner Gallery on Betlemske namesti in Prague.

Webchats on U.S. Elections



Webchat.state.gov invites audiences outside the U.S. to engage with U.S. government officials and private citizens on topics including upcoming U.S. midterm elections.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

- Thru Nov. 24** Visual Metaphors -- Exhibit
The Art of Mark Podwal
American Center, Trziste 13, Prague 1
- Nov. 2** “Design and Development of Graphic Corporate Identity,” lecture by Jiwon Shin at American Center, Trziste 13 17:00
- Nov. 13** “Study in the USA” program, organized by the Fulbright Commission at Prague Municipal Library 14:00-18:00
- Nov. 28-29** NATO Summit in Riga

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