

PRESS RELEASE Christmas Gifts from All Corners of the World at the International Charity Market

On Sunday, December 1, the Prague Congress Centre will host a one-day International Charity Market, offering Christmas gifts and St. Nicholas goodies from more than 40 countries around the world. The event organised by the embassies has become one of the most important events of the Prague Christmas season. Proceeds will be donated to Czech charities.

For one day only, a festive international market will open its doors to visitors in Prague, offering Saint Nicholas treats and Christmas presents from over 40 countries. This vibrant festival, which annually takes visitors on an imaginary journey around the world, is a feast for the eyes, showcasing different cultures, colourful costumes, flavours, scents, art, music, and dance. Here you will find sweets, spices, gourmet delicacies, as well as toys, books, glassware, porcelain, cosmetics, and fashion accessories.

Organized by embassies, the International Charity Market has become one of the most exciting events of the Prague Christmas season over the years, attracting thousands of visitors. This year's event will take place on Sunday, December 1st, at the Prague Congress Centre.

The event is open to the general public. As the President of the Association, Mrs. Anne Huisinga-Paret, invites visitors of all ages. "This is a fun, family-friendly fundraiser event. Come stroll past as many as fifty booths filled with exotic flavours, scents, and beautiful handmade products, discover something new, and enjoy the magical buzz of the end-of-year holiday season. It's also our way of giving back to Czech society. Every purchase you make at the booths, and every entry and raffle ticket you buy contributes to a good cause. Together, we will not only have a wonderful day but also help those who truly need it."

Funds raised at the festival as well as contributions by private sponsors, will be distributed as grants to various Czech charitable organizations. These organizations have the opportunity to apply for grant support by January 31, 2025. Last year, the revenue - over 1 million Czech crowns - was granted to 14 selected Czech childrens' charities.

The Diplomatic Spouses Association is a voluntary, non-profit, non-political, and independent organization founded in 1997, with approximately fifty member countries. Since 2000, the DSA has raised over 70 million CZK for Czech charitable organizations.

International Charity Market 2024

Prague Congress Centre (Metro C, Vyšehrad station) Date: Sunday, December 1st, 2024, 10 AM – 5 PM Admission: 150 CZK, free for children under 12 Tickets: <u>www.ticketstream.cz</u> Information: www.dsaprague.org, Facebook: <u>www.fb.com/dsaprague</u> Contact for media: Jana Marečková, <u>jana@stars.cz;</u> ENG: Lenka Vaníčková, T: 602 193 494, lenka@stars.cz

