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VŠE signed the Cooperation Memorandum with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Friday April 13 2012, the VŠE President prof. Richard Hindls and the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Mr. Tomáš Dub signed the long-term cooperation agreement. Its objective is to strengthen the relations between both institutions.

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International cooperation is one of the strategic objectives of the University of Economics, Prague. The agreement will be implemented by the Faculty of International Relations and the Centre of European Studies. Therefore besides the university President, both prof. Hana Machková, the university Vice-President for International and Public Relations, and associate professor Štěpán Müller, the Dean of Faculty of International Relations, took part in the ceremonial.

The cooperation may include broad spectra of activities in the field of education, science and research. In the memorandum, following activities are mentioned:

- basic and specialized educational courses,
- internships for the students in the Czech Republic and abroad,
- common interest areas research, foreign economic relations in particular,
- knowledge and experience exchange in the field of educational organization at academic institutions,
- exchange and joint attendance by experts at the conferences, symposia and panel discussions.

From the perspective of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the agreement cooperation will be guaranteed by the Diplomatic Academy, Strategic Planning Office, Bilateral Economic Relations and Export Promotion Department and Multilateral Economic Relations Department.



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VŠE President prof. Richard Hindls, dr.h.c. stressed upon the agreement signature: “VŠE and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic have cooperated informally for many years. By today, I am glad the cooperation will be anchored institutionally. I hope the official memorandum will contribute to the development of new activities.” The Dean of Faculty of International Relations Mr. Müller stressed the faculty interest in the cooperation in the fields of master programs such as International Politics and Diplomatic Studies, European Integration and International Trade. The Dean appraises the student internships opportunities at the Ministry and the embassies with state administration practise experience. He believes the Ministry will make use of the Faculty think-tank base extensively.

The Deputy Minister Tomáš Dub stated upon the agreement signature: “I assign the fundamental importance to the memorandum; Czech diplomacy must have an important partner in academia in the field of economy and export promotion. VŠE is one of the leading academic institutions in our country. At the same time, we want to give an opportunity to the most talented VŠE students to get acquaint with the economic diplomacy functioning in practise via projects processing and internships. It represents mutual cooperation with benefits for Czech companies and exporters eventually.”

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The University of Economics, Prague (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze) is the leading university in the field of management and economics in the Czech Republic. The University of Economics, Prague is composed of more than 20,000 students and has six faculties – five in Prague and one in Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia. These include: the Faculty of Finance and Accounting, the Faculty of International Relations, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Statistics and Informatics and the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration. The faculty based in Jindřichův Hradec is specialized in management. Graduates of the University of Economics, Prague occupy responsible positions in the private as well as in the public sector. Most of them are employed in the sectors of industry and services, trade, marketing, banking, public administration, accounting, audit, tourism and the field of information technology. Many significant Czech and foreign economists have obtained the University's honoris causa title; for example, the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Robert A. Mundell, Prof. Milton Friedman and Prof. Gary S. Becker. More information at <http://www.vse.cz/index-en.php>.

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