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CTP representatives welcome President Petr Pavel and Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado during the Czech National Day at EXPO 2025 in Osaka and further deepen business ties with partners from Asia and the Czech Republic

The Czech National Pavilion at EXPO 2025 in Osaka welcomed hundreds of guests from all over the world on the occasion of the Czech National Day. The presence of the President of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel, emphasised the importance of Czech-Japanese relations and added an exceptional dimension to the event. By combining a rich cultural program with a strong business presentation, the event successfully showcased the strength of Czech identity and the country's openness to international cooperation. As a national partner, CTP is actively involved not only in the professional part of the program, but also in building a positive image of the Czech Republic as an innovative, stable, and investment-attractive country.

Since the opening of the exhibition in April, CTP representatives have been returning to Osaka each month. During these visits, the company has participated in a number of key events, from the opening ceremony and an investment seminar organised by CzechInvest, to Brno Days and a showcase of Czech solutions in the field of autonomous mobility under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the Karlovy Vary Region. Further events are planned in cooperation with cities such as Ostrava and Plzeň. The aim is to support the long-term visibility of the Czech Republic in the international context, to bring regions closer to foreign investors and to open new opportunities for cooperation.

"We regularly meet companies at EXPO that are looking for a way into Europe, and we present the Czech Republic as an ideal gateway. At the same time, we work closely with Czech regions to help them present their strengths to a global audience. This is concrete work that has a direct impact on business development in the Czech Republic. And being there in person is truly an amazing experience," explains **Bert Hesselink, Group Client Relationship Director for CTP**.

The celebration of Czech National Day was chosen symbolically on 24 July, the date marking the 165th anniversary of the birth of Alfons Mucha, the world-famous representative of Art Nouveau and one of the most prominent Czech personalities in Japan. The program began with a ceremonial raising of the Czech and Japanese flags in the Ray Garden, attended by President Petr Pavel. This was followed by unique cultural performances by the Czech Philharmonic, the Cirk La Putyka ensemble, and the Czech Radio Children's Choir. At noon, a networking lunch was held in the CTP Lounge, welcoming business partners and guests of the Czech business delegation. The afternoon program continued at the Czech National Pavilion, where President Pavel symbolically opened the ceremonial part of the day with a short speech, followed by a performance of



traditional Japanese Kyōgen theatre. The day concluded with a highly anticipated concert by popular singer Aiko and a unique drone light show created specifically for this occasion.

"The Czech National Day shows what a powerful story we can tell at EXPO when we combine culture, innovation, and active partners. CTP is a great example of a company that can bring Czech ideas into an international context while also helping to attract global investors back to the Czech Republic. There are still two months left until the end of the exhibition, and the program is far from over. We have a number of upcoming events that will continue to showcase everything the Czech Republic has to offer to the world," says Ondřej Soška, the Commissioner General of Czechia at EXPO 2025.

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