

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SPEAKERS



Václav Bartuška

Václav Bartuška is the Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security at the Czech Foreign Ministry in Prague. He was formerly the Czech Commissioner General at EXPO 2000 in Hannover, Germany. As a Charles University graduate, he was among those who led the student strike in November 1989. Mr. Bartuška was also elected as the students' representative to the parliamentary committee which oversaw the investigation of the Communist Party security apparatus.



Pavel Bém

Pavel Bém has served as the Lord Mayor of Prague since 2002. He studied medicine at Charles University in Prague, specializing in psychiatry. On November 19, 2006, he was elected Deputy Leader of the Civic Democratic Party.



Guy F. Caruso

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C. Richard D'Amato

C. Richard D'Amato was a Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission of the Congress. He is a former delegate to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland and a retired captain in the United States Navy Reserve. He also served on the Congressional Trade Deficit Review Commission. As a senior foreign policy and defense advisor to the Democratic Senate leader, Senator Robert C. Byrd, Mr. D'Amato drafted the resolution that set Senate standards for the global climate change treaty negotiations.



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Martin Hála is a leading academic in Chinese and Asian Studies, journalism and media assistance. He was educated in Prague, Shanghai, Berkeley and Harvard. Mr. Hála taught at Universities in Prague and Bratislava and has conducted extensive research in China, Taiwan, and the U.S. over the past decade. Currently he serves as a Special Advisor to the Open Society Institute in Asia.



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Václav Havel

Václav Havel is a Czech writer and dramatist. In 1975, he wrote an open letter to President Husák, in which he warned of the accumulated antagonism in Czechoslovak society. The culmination of his dissident activities resulted in Charter 77, where he became one of its first spokesmen. Mr. Havel was the leading figure of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia in 1989. As the candidate of Civic Forum, he was elected the last President of Czechoslovakia by the Federal Assembly on December 29th, 1989. In 1993 Mr. Havel became the first President of the Czech Republic and was re-elected in 1998.



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