

A CENTURY OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN SWEDEN AND SERBIA CELEBRATED IN NIŠ

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"A century ago, the Government of the Kingdom of Serbia, which was then positioned on the island of Corfu, signed a document posting Bogoljub Jevtić a Second Secretary / clerk to a Mission to Stockholm. After a month, he was replaced by the Serbian poet and diplomat, Milan Rakic, who officially opened the first Serbian diplomatic mission. This is the beginning of diplomatic cooperation between our two countries, which has not been interrupted since then, "said H.E. Mr Jan Lundin, ambassador of Sweden. On the occasion of this anniversary photographs from the State Archives of Sweden were shown at the City Hall of Nis. They have been displayed to a broad audience thanks to the historian Dušan Topalović, who lives in Sweden. The Mayor of Nis, Darko Bulatović, emphasized that the City of Nis has a very good cooperation with the Swedish embassy, especially in the field of water purification and waste water management. "Thanks to the Swedien, the city of

Niš will get important water purification capacities, which is a great benefit for both the city and the citizens of Niš," Bulatovic said.

This manifestation also encompassed a photo exhibition called "Swedish Dads" arranged in cooperation with the organisation "Gnezdo-Beograd and Young Ambassadors. The photos show some precious moments of fathers with their children aiming at pointing out the importance that dads also use the parental right to be absent from work in order to be with their children. The exhibition will be open until November 7th. The celebration of the first century of diplomatic relations between Serbia and Sweden ended with a concert and the performance of Serbian and Swedish music in the City Hall. The Swedish music was performed by the pianist Milica Lundin, wife of the ambassador and violinist Žana Lekić. The Serbian music was performed by two artists from Niš, Anđela Bratić on flute and Stevan Spalević on piano.

FROM NIS TO STOCKHOLM

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New Ryanair flight Stockholm-Niš-Stockholm was introduced today. The welcoming ceremony for the first flight from Stockholm was attended by His Excellency Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of Serbia Mr. Jan Lundin, Niš City Mayor Darko Bulatovic and the General Manager of the Niš Airport Constantine the Great Vladica Djurdjanovic. Passengers will be able to fly to Stockholm and back on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ambassador of Sweden Jan Lundin underlined the importance of establishing this route to connect two nations and two countries. "Now the Swedes have

the opportunity to travel to Nis and see the potentials here, not only tourist attractions, but also business potentials." Mayor Bulatovic said that each new destination represented a new window to the world and once again confirmed that the money, which the city and the state had allocated for the development of Nis Airport, was fully justified investment. He stressed that, in the future, the City of Nis would, in accordance with its capabilities, do everything to further improve the capacities of the Constantine the Great Airport. The General Manager of the Nis Airport Constantine the Great Vladica Djurdjanovic said that he was proud of such a large number of passengers in the first year and underlined that this was just another proof of the great significance and potential of the Nis airport.