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Press Release

## VFS Global launches Visa Application Centre for the Czech Republic in Riyadh

RIYADH: VFS Global is pleased to announce the launch of the Visa Application Centre for the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Riyadh. Applicants for visas to the Czech Republic from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia can now visit the centrally-located centre to submit visa applications and enrol for biometrics in a spacious and comfortable environment.

The centre is located at the Schengen Visa Application Centre, Office @ 1st floor, Dove Plaza (Hyper Panda), Omm Al Hamam street, Omm Al Hamam, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Services at this location commenced on 04 November 2015.

Another Czech Republic visa application centre is scheduled to be launched on 18 November in Jeddah for greater convenience for applicants in Saudi Arabia. This centre will be located at TasHeel Commercial Plaza, Ground Floor – Suwaid Bin Sakher Street, Off Jundub Bin Kaab Street (off Prince Sultan Street), Al Mohammadiyah District 1, Jeddah, KSA.

Speaking about the launch, **HE Mr Jiri Slavik, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, said, *“Opening of Czech Visa Centers in Riyadh and Jeddah reflects the growing bilateral relations between the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and comes in the year when the two countries celebrate 20 years of diplomatic ties. By visa outsourcing the Czech Republic aims at becoming more accessible to all applicants, including those travelling to visit our spas, be it for medical treatment or wellness stays only, to experience the atmosphere of our beautiful cities, castles and palaces, to play golf or to learn filming in a summer school. And of course, we believe that better accessibility of visa centres will also please future businessmen and investors interested in the numerous opportunities the strategically located Czech Republic has to offer. We are convinced that VFS Global, one of the most experienced and professional companies in the visa field, will prove itself our reliable partner”*.

**Mr Ajit Alexander, COO – Middle East and North Africa, VFS Global**, added, *“We are committed to streamlining the visa application process for travellers and providing best-in-class services for visitors to our centres. We are privileged to partner with the Embassy of the Czech*



*Republic in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and are confident our services will enhance the overall experience for applicants.”*

The key features of the centre include:

- Convenient and centrally-accessed location
- Professional staff with local language capability to handle queries and applications
- Spacious, well-appointed centre for enhanced comfort of applicants
- Automated queue governance for smooth flow of applicants
- Dedicated website for easy access to information including visa categories, requirements, check-list and applicable fees
- 100% secure handling of passports, documents and personal information
- Door-step delivery of passports
- Premium Lounge for personalised and comfortable service

Since 2009, VFS Global jointly with its local partner M/s Al Etimad Modern Business Solutions Co. (ETIMAD) has been successfully operating visa application services and VACs for diplomatic missions of 17 sovereign governments in the cities of Riyadh, Jeddah and Al Khobar in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

## The Czech Republic Visa Application Centre

**Address:** Schengen Visa Application Centre, Office @ 1st floor, Dove Plaza (Hyper Panda), Omm Al Hamam street, Omm Al Hamam, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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**Business hours:** 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs (Sunday to Thursday)

**Submission Timings:** 0900hrs – 1500hrs | Sunday - Thursday (except holidays as declared by the Embassy)

**Document Collection:** 0900hrs – 1700hrs | Sunday - Thursday (except holidays as declared by the Embassy)

*\*VFS Global will be responsible only for accepting applications for the Embassy of the Czech Republic. All applications submitted will continue to be assessed and processed by the Embassy of the Czech Republic. Timelines for turnaround of visas are as per the discretion of the authorities.*



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