

## **Important Notice on Visa Requirements**

**In accordance with European Union regulations, the Visa Information System (VIS) will be put into operation at the Embassies of the Czech Republic in the Gulf Region as of October 2nd, 2012. All visa applicants have to present themselves in person at the Embassy for the collection of fingerprints.**

**The requirement to collect fingerprints is not applicable at the following categories applicants:**

- **children under the age of 12 years;**
- **persons for whom fingerprinting is physically impossible. A medical certificate stating impossibility to provide fingerprints from the applicant has to be presented;**
- **Heads of State or Prime Ministers and members of national governments, and members of their official delegations when invited by the Government of the Czech Republic or by the international organization for an official purpose;**
- **Monarchs and high-ranking members of royal family, when invited by the Government of the Czech Republic or by the international organization for an official purpose.**

**The Embassy of the Czech Republic is not entitled to grant any additional exemptions.**