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# University of Economics Takes Care of the Future of Its Students

The University of Economics, Prague has organised another session of the job opportunity fair called “Šance” (Chance). The main goal of the fair, which is open to UEP students as well as recent graduates, is to provide an opportunity to make personal contacts with representatives of companies and potential employers. This year’s spring session of the “Šance” fair presented a record number of 73 firms.

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The “Šance” job opportunities fair is organised by the UEP twice a year, once in the spring and again in the autumn. In comparison with past sessions, the interest of both students and firms is increasing. “Students get an opportunity to directly meet important firms here at school; the firms are prestigious and they represent a wide variety of fields. At the same time, we also appreciate the interest of the firms in our students and graduates in the labour market”, says Ing. Mgr. Martin Lukeš, Ph. D., Director of the Development and Advisory Centre of the UEP. “One thing is that there is an important group of companies which return regularly to the fair; but with each session new firms come. We are always happy for a newly represented field or a brand new opportunity for our students and graduates. In this spring session there are, for example, two foreign firms which offer jobs in the EU”, adds Mgr. Tereza Francová, coordinator of the event.

The majority of important companies located in the Czech Republic are represented at the “Šance” fair. “For us, Šance is a superb opportunity to get in touch with our main target group – the UEP students who represent the largest group of candidates for jobs at our firm. As a main partner of the UEP we are a traditional participant of the Šance fair, and we will be sure not to miss the next session”, says Mgr. Vendula Doušová, HR Manager from Deloitte.

Although UEP graduates currently succeed well in the labour market, the goal of UEP management is to be in close contact with the professional world, i.e. also with representatives of various firms. For this aim, the UEP created the Development and



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Advisory Centre. However, the job opportunities at the “Šance” fair are only a little piece in the mosaic of its activities – throughout the whole year the centre provides job positions as well as psychological and career consulting to students. In cooperation with firms, the centre also organises workshops, lectures, and other events devoted to the professional development of students. It is also responsible for cooperation with graduates. More detailed information on the activities of the Development and Advisory Centre is available at its website <http://rpc.vse.cz/>.

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The University of Economics, Prague (UEP/VŠE) is the largest economic university in the Czech Republic. Nowadays, over 18 thousand students study at the six faculties here. These are: the Faculty of Finance and Accounting, the Faculty of International Relations, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics, the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration, and the Faculty of Management in Jindřichův Hradec. Graduates of the UEP occupy important functions in the private, as well as public sectors. Most of them go to different branches of industry and services, business, marketing, banking, public management, accounting, auditing, tourist trade, and to the field of information technologies. The UEP's honourable title of doctor honoris causa has been awarded to many important Czech and international economists, e.g. the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Robert A. Mundell, Prof. Milton Friedman, and Prof. Gary S. Becker.

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