



**THE CZECH REPUBLIC PARTICIPATION
INVITES YOU TO THE
"WEEK OF CZECH GLASS"
AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 25, 2005
TOYAMA**

The concept of the participation of the Czech Republic at EXPO 2005 AICHI includes a number of additional programmes and special events, which should present the contemporary Czech culture in detail.

Czech glass has traditionally enjoyed a very strong position in Japan and is very popular. Czechs have not only initiated the development of modern glass, but most of them have kept pace with the most progressive tendencies of the field for decades, and have therefore greatly contributed to the development of the artistic field. Japanese culture-loving public still remembers the great creative potential of Czech glass artists who first presented themselves in Japan, in any complex manner, at Osaka EXPO '70. Among them were primarily the works of Jaroslava Brychtová, Stanislav Libenský or René and Miluše Roubíček.

The best of Czech studio glass has been assembled into a unique exhibition "**Captured Light and Space**", which is to be presented the city of Toyama in the prefecture of Toyama, from **August 26 to September 25**. The main curator is prof. Sylva Petrová PhD., Research Professor in Glass, Sunderland University, U. K. The exhibiton features 45 objects, putting emphasis primarily on more sizeable glass sculptures. Featured artists include Stanislav Libenský & Jaroslava Brychtová, Ivan Mareš, prof. Vladimír Kopecký, Zdeněk Lhotský, Ivana Šrámková and others. The show ties into the second occurrence of the Toyama international exposition of artistic glass - Contemporary Glass Triennial.

The Toyama City Institute of Glass Art (T.I.G.A.) founded with the aim to support talented glass artists has co-operated from the beginning with Czech glass artists who are the leaders of a studio specialising in cold techniques. In this studio, students gradually get acquainted with the basic traditional and modern practices of glass-cutting, polishing and engraving. Every spring and autumn, weekly glass-making symposia are held in the school on a regular basis, in which Czech glass artists participate.

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- **August 26th to September 25th,**
"Captured Light and Space" will be exhibited in the Shimin Plaza City Gallery, in the center of Toyama.
- **August 27th**
10:00 – 12:00 a.m. slide lecture of prof. Sylva Petrová, PhD. – T.I.G.A
1:00 – 1:45 p.m. guided tour of the exhibition – prof. Sylva Petrová, PhD.
Atrium and Multi Studio, 2nd and 3rd floor, Toyama Shimin Plaza
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. workshop
Cold Work and Kiln Work, Prof. Jiří Harcuba, Ivana Šrámková
T.I.G.A, Toyama City Institute of Glass Art
- **August 27th to September 1st, September 2nd to September 9th**
Work Shop – T.I.G.A
Ivana Šrámková
Prof. Jiří Harcuba
Prof. Sylva Petrová