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Capacity for 20th Volkswagen Prague Marathon reached in record time

The Volkswagen Prague Marathon can look forward to celebrating its twentieth birthday with record levels of participation. Start number capacity for the event, which is scheduled to take place on 11th May 2014 in the capital, has been reached with more than four months to go. This is an historical first despite stretching capacity to ten thousand runners in the main race!

“This result is huge credit to our work as well as our relentless determination to make it even better than now,” revealed Carlo Capalbo, Chair of the Organising Committee, who was present at the very first race back in 1994. It all started over a beer at the “Cibulka” restaurant with Italian winner of the 1988 Olympic marathon in Seoul, Gelindo Bordin where they agreed: “Let’s do a marathon here.” The next day they called up the legendary runner, Emil Zátopek and runners took to the start line one year later!

Huge celebrations are already underway to mark this year’s Volkswagen Prague Marathon to include a concert as part of the Prague Spring festival on Old Town Square, a Marathon Music Festival twice the size of previous years, photograph exhibitions, special anniversary publications, an extensive Sport Expo fair and much more.

Race Director, Václav Skřivánek added the following information: “A grand total of almost fifteen thousand runners are expected to take part in the competitive and non-competitive runs.” Runners can look forward to receiving special medals and getting their hands on an exclusive jubilee collection from adidas.

Compared to last year, capacity has grown by three hundred start numbers – Prague’s historical centre cannot stretch to more than this. The main event will also serve as the battle ground for Czech long-distance runners, fighting it out for the republic championship title. On top of this, there will also be the 4.2 km dm Family Minimarathon and the Walk with Dogs.

Last start numbers are still available through the official travel agencies. Further information can be found on the runczech.com website and runczechhotels.com.



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