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## **Správa železnic Opened Reconstructed Passenger Building in Břeclav**

Passengers started using a modern passenger building at the important border crossing Břeclav station. its complete reconstruction included adaptations of internal dispositional arrangement of public premises and adding a connecting corridor between the station dispatching hall and the bus terminal. Moreover, the building acquired a partially historical shape. A festive opening of the reconstructed passenger building was organized today by Správa železnic. Total costs amounted to CZK 69 million.

"Břeclav Station is the second most important railway junction in Southern Moravia after Brno Main Station. The local passenger building is the biggest one in the region managed by Správa železnic. Its reconstruction was classified among the first in our investment plan after the transfer of passenger stations from České dráhy. Therefore I am pleased that its premises will be used by the Czech Police and the social security administration", said Mr. Jiří Svoboda, director General of Správa železnic. As he added, the track part of the station was already modernized in the past as well as the connecting bus terminal.

Investments dealt with complete reconstruction of the passenger building which was also thoroughly heated. The project included a reconstruction of the ČD Centre, the vestibule and the former administration part. The main building facade was basically changed and acquired its almost original historical shape from 1889. In front of the two-store part of the building, a glassed-in corridor was built for transfer of passengers from the bus terminal to the vestibule. Roofing was also exchanged as well as all windows and doors.

Passengers have now a new waiting room at their disposal. The ČD Centre with four cash desks is also a new one as well as the sales location of the RegioJet carrier. A bakery, premises for a railway history museum of Břeclav, rooms for the Czech police, a railway office with lavatories and selling places of the KORDIS JMK coordinator and two smaller commercial rooms were created on the ground floor. On the first floor, the Czech Social Security Administration acquired new offices for medical assessors and pension agenda.

While preparing reconstruction of further station buildings, Správa železnic negotiates with state authorities and organizational units of the state on possible use of their premises. Talks are currently under way on possible use of premises in the passenger station buildings at Ostrava-Vítkovice (Financial administration), Opava západ (Czech police) or Choceň (Czech Police). The station building in Kralupy nad Vltavou has also suitable premises for the Czech police and terms of lease are under discussion right now.