

Czech Consular Michal Sedlaceks Visit

Mr. Michal Sedlacek's sudden visit in our campus on January 27, 2015 was an extraordinary experience to me. Thanks to Professor Baktybek Abdrisaev's effort we had a chance to talk and listen to what Mr. Michal Sedlacek has to say about today's Czech. The meeting started with a humble greetings and small introduction of Mr. Michal Sedlacek's background and few other jokes. What surprised me was that Mr. Sedlacek used to be a ski instructor in Park City. So with brief introduction we have discussed about Czechs Economy dependence on the Germany. Mr. Sedlacek explained that how important to keep an eye on Germany move. Since 85% of the export is relied on Germany. There were also a few questions about how European Union's role within a Czech system. It seems that Czech doesn't like to follow the herd. According to Mr. Sedlacek's view that following EU's influence blindly is dangerous. The Czech must always look for many other options and keeping their domestic and foreign policy transparent and thinking outside the box seems to good path for the Czech.

During his speeches I wondered what made the Czech strong both economically and politically.

So I couldn't resist my urge and asked Mr. Sedlacek that how did the country functioned right after the fall of communism. We all know that even today many countries having a difficult recoveries from that period. For example Moldova is known to one of the poorest in Europe.

Mr. Sedlacek's answer was rather blunt and quite simple. He explained that during the transition period Czech government started privatization, but the way they did was to giving away to the citizens of Czech almost free. This sudden property ownership was the key change in the country it seems. What I learned from his speech was that always looking for an alternatives to improve. He explained that depending on Germany to much is not good for the Czech so right now there are many other things that is concerning Czech foreign trade policy. He anticipated that if USA steps in exporting energy to Czech it would be a good for the Czech people. Right now depending on energy from Russia is rather risky. It would be a good idea that building more pipes vertically in Czech could benefit EU and Czech. Nevertheless this is we talking about gas. However later I found out that Czech has a Nuclear Power Plants powerful enough to exporting to the outside. But dealing with an energy is requires high maneuverability of political and economic policies. Maybe we will see changes in distant future.

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