

Popular Swedish Green Building seminar

In parallel to the Copenhagen Summit in Denmark, the Embassy of Sweden and the Swedish Trade Council in Prague arranged a “Green Building” seminar, held at the Embassy Residence on December 10.

The issue is obviously a “hot” one, as the conference hall was filled to the last seat by participants from the Czech real estate sector, architects, ministries and NGO:s willing to hear more about energy efficient solutions presented by Swedish companies.

The half-day seminar was opened by 1st Secretary Truls Borgström, who gave a short welcome address and then talked about energy efficient building as one of the prioritized themes of the Swedish EU Presidency.

The key guest speaker, Klas Johansson, Environment Coordinator at Jernhusen AB in Sweden, gave a thorough overview of their flagship project: Kungsbrohuset in central Stockholm. Kungsbrohuset is to be finished in spring 2010 and considered to be one of the most environmentally “smart” buildings in the world. The fact that its heated by the surplus heat generated by the 250 000 people passing through the Stockholm metro underneath is only one of the many state-of-the-art solutions for energy efficiency.

Barbora Nelibová from the Czech Ministry of Environment informed about the possibilities to apply for and obtain subsidies for investments in energy efficiency from the state-run programme “Green Light to Savings” and the EU structural funds.

After the coffee break, four Swedish companies active on the Czech market presented their technology and solutions for Green Building: Björn Mattsson and Johan Hedve from Skanska, Jan Nordling from ÅF Infrastructure, Wolfgang Hareter från Fagerhult Belysning and Jan Pacourek from Nibe.

The moderator Nikki Brandt, Trade Commissioner in the Czech Republic, had opened with a short presentation of SymbioCity, a common platform for Swedish cleantech companies. Mr Brandt then wrapped up the seminar with a 15 minutes’ discussion between the speakers and members of the audience, and then finished by briefly informing about a follow-up event within Green Building, planned for 2010.



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