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Dear Journalists,

Czech Radio has grown up. I have been lucky enough not only to see it grow but also to contribute to the process over the past ten years. In my posts as the director of CR 6, the programme and interim director and as the Director General, I have always seen it as a priority for Czech Radio to stay independent, while offering the highest quality content to our listeners and maintaining its economic stability.

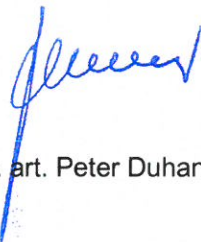
Today, I have made the decision to step down from my position as Czech Radio's Director General as of November 3, due to health issues. I refuse to further face the pressures exerted upon me by some of the members of the Czech Radio Council and the Supervisory Board – its advisory body. I am also not able to accept the media's tarnishing of my son's reputation and mine.

I very much regret that these circumstances prevent me from completing my term, but I am happy to leave Czech Radio in its current state as a respected, modern and confident media broadcaster with stabilised finances.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to making my vision come true. Through our joint efforts, we have managed to build a modern structure of control centres, make our services attractive and sharply increase the listenership rates of our stations, which have grown in competitiveness with commercial broadcasters.

On top of that, following a lengthy and difficult legislative process, Czech Radio will launch its revamped spoken word service on CR Plus. Together with Radiožurnál, Dvojka, Vltava, Radio Wave, Junior and the regional stations, it will offer its listeners a complete programme portfolio similar to Western European broadcasters.

I wish Czech Radio all the best in the future. I believe that, even in these difficult times, it will manage to remain an unbiased, objective and independent medium and that it will efficiently and responsibly fulfil its public service role.



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