

X/13- WORLD - OPENING OF 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

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VIENNA, SEPT 2 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- OF THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY OPENED IN VIENNA TODAY WITH AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT FRANZ JONAS APPEALING TO THE PHILOSOPHERS NOT ONLY TO EXPLAIN THE PHENOMENA OF THE WORLD BUT TO CHANGE IT FOR THE BETTER AND TO HELP MANKIND TO OVERCOME ITS SPLITS AND DIVISIONS.

CHANCELLOR DR. JOSEF KLAUS POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT THE WORLD WAS WITNESS TO CRISES WHICH WERE ALSO RELEVANT FOR THE ZEITGEIST, AFFECTING MANKIND NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL NATIONS.

AUSTRIAN EDUCATION MINISTER DR. THEODOR PIFFL-PERCEVIC STRESSED THAT THE TASK OF CONTEMPORARY HUMANITY REMAINS TO SEEK FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE.

A CRITICAL ATTITUDE OF THE SPIRIT TOWARDS THE CORRUPTNESS AND AGRESSION IN OUR TIMES WAS CALLED FOR BY VIENNA ARCHBISHOP FRANZ CARDINAL KOENIGS OPENING ADDRESS.

THE CONGRESS CHAIRMAN PROF. GABRIEL DEFINED THE TASK OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY AS AN EFFORT TO STRIVE FOR A WORLD IN UNITY AND FREEDOM BY THE WAY OF REASON.

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