Inspection of Pardubice, for the European Youth Team Championship 2019

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Pardubice is situated 122 km east of Prague at the river Elbe. It is an important industry city with a large university and is well-known in the chess world for organising one of the biggest chess festivals in the world.

Basis of the inspection was the official bid of the Czech Chess Federation from 28. April 2017

**Tournament hall: “Tipsport arena”**

The CEZ ice skating arena has one very spacious event hall (used already for several years for the Czech Open Tournament) and one additional ice skating ring. The size of the playing hall is 1’600 sqm. The tables (80x80 cm) are in FIDE standard. The event hall offers different additional rooms for arbiters, organizers, tournament director or analysing. The light in the tournament hall is more than sufficient (ice skating requires even more light than chess). There are a sufficient number of toilets.
Quality of hotels

LABE (3*):
Distance to the playing hall is 200 m
The hotel has 120 standard rooms. A renovation of all rooms is in planning for the next year. Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.
Full board will be available for 45 € per person in double room, 65 € per person in single.
Buffet menu will be served in both hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Eurohotel (4*):
Distance to the playing hall is 1 km (20 min walking time).
The hotel has 64 standard rooms. Full board will be available for 65 € per person in double room, 90 € per person in single. An extra bed will be available for 25 €.
Buffet menu will be served in both hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.
Airport connections:
Pardubice airport has connections to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Prague international airport is about 140 km via motorway.

The train station has international connections with Moscow and Vienna as well as several connections per day with Prague.

Airport to hotel distance: 90 minutes by car (motorway).

Railway station to hotel distance: 5 minutes by car.

Additional information/remark:
Participants and accompanying people can continue to stay in Pardubice for participation the following main tournaments of Czech Open International Festival.

Conclusion:
The bid of the Czech Chess Federation corresponds to the standard of a youth tournament. The hotels are close to the tournament hall. The organisers offer several possibilities to the youth to enjoy the time when they are free of chess.

Taking into account the enormous experience of the organising team, it is obvious that Pardubice will be a very good venue.

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