

## THE NBS HAS A NEW DEPUTY GOVERNOR



Today, the President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gašparovič has officially appointed Mr Martin Barto Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia.

The former Chief Economist of Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s. Mr Martin Barto is a Member of the Bank Board of the NBS from 1 December 2004. He was elected a Deputy Governor of the NBS by Members of the Slovak National Council upon the proposal of the Slovak Government on 20 January 2005.

Martin Barto now assumes the vacant post of a Deputy Governor, which was held by the present Governor of the NBS Ivan Sramko till 31 December 2004.

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## IVAN GAŠPAROVIČ, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, VISITED THE NATIONAL BANK OF SLOVAKIA ON 26 JANUARY 2005

Historically, it was the first visit to the NBS new headquarters in Bratislava paid by a head of state. The President met with the Governor of the NBS, Mr Ivan Šramko, and the members of the NBS Bank Board, and discussed the tasks and activities of the National Bank of Slovakia. He was especially interested in issues arising from the introduction of the euro in the SR.



During the stay, President Gašparovič visited certain departments equipped with special technology and the exhibition "Ten Years of the Slovak Currency".



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