

**PRESS RELEASE**

*Banca Intesa contributes to the reconstruction of the Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Department of the University Children's Hospital*

## **Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Department in Tiršova Reconstructed**

**Belgrade (December 7)** – The Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Department of the University Children's Hospital in Tiršova Street has been opened today, after the completion of the project of reconstruction and equipment of the facility, financed by Banca Intesa, under the auspices of Mrs Tatjana Tadić.

Banca Intesa granted 25 million dinars for the project, which included the drafting and implementation of a complete plan of architectural, construction, mechanical and electrical works on an area of 480 m<sup>2</sup>, as well as the equipment of the premises. The works included the installation of new floor and wall coverings, partition walls, complete wiring and plumbing, whereas the worn-out hospital signalling system and medical gas installations were replaced with modern elements. In addition, corridors, hospital rooms and doctors' break rooms have been equipped with new furniture. The balcony and lantern have been fixed, so they now represent a beautiful area where children can spend time and play.

„As of today, the reconstructed Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery Department is going to be extremely modern, with highly technical equipment, so it can provide top-quality treatment for the most seriously ill patients. A good illustration of how advanced the technologies applied are is the fact that gas installations and monitoring systems are have been installed above each bed, whereas the Department has 80 top-category cables for transfer of digital data and speech signals. The simplest way to describe this Department is simple perfection, with warm tones, different from anything done at the Clinic so far. I can say, without false

modesty, that top European children's hospitals can also envy this Department. It is the nicest New Year's present from Banca Intesa to children with heart diseases, wishing they endured the disease easier and forgot about it as soon as possible. Therefore, I would like to THANK them very much", Prof. Dr. Ida Jovanović, General Manager of the University Children's Hospital, said.

Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery are among the most elite, but also busiest services of the Hospital. 1,500 kids suffering from the severest heart diseases are treated at this Department every year.

„You will agree that the situation of healthcare institutions is the mirror of the level of development of civilisation in a certain country. If we are not able to act and help the state increase this level with joint efforts, then we do not deserve to be described as successful and socially responsible companies. As a large bank on the Serbian market, Banca Intesa is strongly committed to invest actively in social values and work on the improvement of living conditions in the entire community“, Banca Intesa CEO Draginja Đurić stated.

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