Ostrava steelmaker organised open day to celebrate 65th anniversary. Visitors met with the new CEO.

Ostrava, 23 May 2016 – ArcelorMittal Ostrava organised an open day for its employees and their families on Sunday. The steel plant attracted more than 700 visitors who came to celebrate the anniversary and participate in the interesting programme.

"Due to our strict security regulations we only organise such events occasionally, but it's great pleasure for me to see that there was so much interest on the side of our employees and their families. Our employees were able to show their workplace to their close relatives, and we made it possible for them to find out how interesting working in this company may be," said Vijay Mahadevan, CEO of ArcelorMittal Ostrava.

It has been sixty-five years since the foundation charter of the NHKG was compiled on 31 December 1951. Festive lighting of the first blast furnace was done by the metallurgist Stanislav Najvert and the then Prime Minister Antonín Zápotocký on 1 January 1952. The history of ArcelorMittal Ostrava began during which the company has produced a total of 140 million tons of crude iron and almost 170 million tons of steel. This year's 65th anniversary of the steel plant was commemorated with an open day for the employees and their families. As many as 747 visitors came in to choose one of the three possible excursion routes.

One of the excursion routes offered an insight into the strip rolling mill. A second route led through the headquarters building where visitors could see a historical civil protection shelter. Then a paternoster lift took them to the roof of the HQ building where they could enjoy the view of the entire steel plant as well as of the city of Ostrava. A visit to Vijay Mahadevan, the new CEO, was a nice surprise for visitors to the HQ building. The third excursion route was devoted for children who had the opportunity to see the entire complex of the steel plant and find out about how steel is made. During the excursion, each group was accompanied by an expert guide who informed the guests about the plant's history, objects of interest and current activities.

ArcelorMittal Ostrava a.s. is part of the world's largest steel and mining group ArcelorMittal. Annually it produces more than 2 million tonnes of steel, which is mainly used in construction and machinery. It is the biggest manufacturer of road safety barriers and the only producer of grain-oriented steel sheets in the Czech Republic. Besides the Czech market the company delivers its products to more than 40 countries around the world. ArcelorMittal Ostrava and its subsidiaries employ 7,250 people. In 2015 average income was CZK 34,615. As a result of the completion of a range of greening technologies the company produces iron and steel with the minimum possible impact on the environment. The sole shareholder is ArcelorMittal S.A.