

The President, Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, and Mrs. Evelin Ilves will depart for Stockholm this evening on board the Victoria cruise liner for a state visit to the Kingdom of Sweden, which will begin tomorrow.

During the three-day state visit at the invitation of His Majesty, King Carl XVI Gustaf, the Estonian Head of State will meet the Speaker of the Swedish Parliament, Mr. Per Westerberg, the Prime Minister, Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt, and other high ranking officials and leading businesspeople in Sweden.

President Ilves, who will be accompanied during the state visit by a business delegation from the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will participate in the opening of the Estonian-Swedish business seminar. He will also deliver a presentation at a cyber security seminar, which is being organised in Stockholm at the initiative of Mr. Carl Bildt, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden. President Ilves will also visit the headquarters of Svenska Kraftnät, the Swedish national electricity company, the City Government of Stockholm, the European Union Nordic Battle Group in Enköping, and give a lecture at Uppsala University.

The Estonian Head of State will visit the Gate of Freedom monument, which was built with the help of donations from Estonians living in Sweden as an expression of the gratitude the thousands of refugees felt towards Sweden and Swedish people, and the President will also visit the Estonian House and Estonian School in Stockholm.

President Ilves will be accompanied during the state visit by Mr. Rein Lang, the Minister of Justice; Mr. Juhan Parts, the Minister of Economic Affairs and Communication; members of the Riigikogu, Marko Mihkelson and Mr. Toomas Varek; Mr. Jaan Männik, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Eesti Pank; Mr. Alar Karis, the Rector of Tartu University; and Mr. Toomas Luman, the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Estonian Chamber of Trade and Industry.

Mrs. Evelin Ilves will visit a number of institutions that deal with the health of Swedish children and young people, and she will also visit enterprises and research centres that focus on issues related to healthy eating in Sweden.

## **President Ilves and Mrs. Evelin Ilves to embark on state visit to Sweden**

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The President of the Republic and Mrs. Evelin Ilves will return to Tallinn on Thursday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> January.

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