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Traditional summer manifestation opened in Bakar yesterday evening

SULTAN'S CARTOGRAPHER IN TURKISH HOUSE

Exhibition "Piri Reis – Cartographer of Suleyman, the Magnificent" was opened by Ambassador of Turkey Ahmet Tuta and Mayor of Bakar Tomislav Klaric

Residents of Bakar ' have marched' through history yesterday. Along with an evening program entitled "A walk through history" a traditional summer cultural manifestation of the City of Bakar and the Tourist Community of Bakar – "Margaretino leto", (which will offer to residents of Bakar and their guests a whole series of events in the next 30 days, from concerts and exhibitions to theatrical performances, traditional Sea Battle, Children's Day, the Bakar meetings, Margareta's fair) was opened in the old city.

Besides the opening ceremony and raising the flag in front of Kastela, the most dignified moment was the opening of the exhibition "Piri Reis – Cartographer of Suleyman, the Magnificent" which was opened in Turkish House by Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Ahmet Tuta and Mayor of Bakar Tomislav Klaric. The exhibition was organized under the auspices of the Turkish Embassy to Croatia, city of Bakar and Croatian-Turkish Friendship Society in Rijeka and by TINA (Turkish foundation for underwater archaeology).

On this occasion Ambassador Tuta reminded that a map of the world of Piri Reis of 1513 is among the oldest preserved maps describing America and was made on the basis of maps by Christopher Columbus. Besides, Piri Reis, a famous Turkish pirate, sailor, admiral and cartographer was the author of the marine guide book and navigational instruments and cartographical instruments of the 16th century. The exhibition in Turkish House in Bakar contains reproductions of Adriatic ports on famous Iznik pottery, very popular during the period of Suleyman, the Magnificent. Replicas of a portolan chart showing Eastern Adriatic ports from the navigation book "Kitab&Bahriye" announced for the first time in 1521 were in focus of the exhibition.

Mayor Klaric expressed his satisfaction about the decision of Ambassador Tuta to visit Bakar again which he visited among the first places after taking over post of Ambassador to Croatia. Klaric pointed out that the city of Bakar has recently renovated the exterior of the Turkish House, while the interior decoration still needs to be done.

"A few years ago we decided to open the old city for the programs of "Margaretino leto" and approach it this way to the residents of Bakar and to their guests also, because Bakar has a rich history which is partially depicted in its streets and stores, but also in the facilities such as Turkish House" – said Klaric.

Numerous associations which are operating in the Bakar territory have taken residents of Bakar and their guests on a journey through history yesterday evening, in line with a scope of their

activities, by means of different workshops, presentations, tastings, exhibitions and music programs. The Frankopan Kastel was presented in an interesting way on a journey through history, as well as St. Andrija Church, St. Kriz Church, the Diocese, Roman and Turkish House and small squares and streets of Bakar. Music band Kvarner was playing and made the evening program even more attractive. After the opening ceremony Tedi Spalato held a concert.