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Potápi: family camps strengthen national cohesion

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Kolomplos Camp organized for Hungarian large families abroad in Szerencs, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad stressed that family camps strengthen national cohesion and connect Hungarian families and children. Árpád János Potápi added that 38 Hungarian large families, including 163 adults and children came to the camp from every part of the Carpathian Basin: Transylvania, Vojvodina, Slovakia and Transcarpathia. The camp is supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, covering all the costs of the participants. He said that the one-week camp was organized for Hungarian families living abroad as part of the “2019 – Year of Hungarian Children Abroad” program. The State Secretary told journalists that the State Secretariat launched thematic years since 2012 and 2019 has been the second year with a focus on families.

Árpád and his Chiefs monument is inaugurated in Ópusztaszer

On Friday, a monument - made by architect Sándor Klígl – entitled Árpád and his Chiefs, commemorating the first Hungarian national assembly in the Carpathian Basin was inaugurated at the Ópusztaszer Natinal Heritage Park. Addressing the inauguration ceremony – and the 7th National Meeting of Hungarians - State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister’s Office Árpád János Potápi said that it is uplifting to see that the work completed since 2010 has borne fruits in more and more fields of life. He stressed that “thinking in terms of the unified nation instead of borders is no longer considered to be an eccentric philosophy, the specific mindset of a small group but a generally accepted perception and fact.” The state secretary added that the National Meeting of Hungarians as well as several other programs and initiatives that regard Hungarians as a united nation rather than countries separated by borders provide a clear evidence for this approach.

Katalin Szili: Hungary bears responsibility for every Hungarian

On Wednesday in Sátoraljaújhely in the Hungarian language camp of the Rákóczi Association, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin said that Hungary bears responsibility for every Hungarian wherever they live in the world and the Rákóczi Association is an excellent partner of the government in this issue. She stressed that the government has been committed to a policy for Hungarian communities abroad that has reached a consensus in granting citizenship, voting right, autonomy and national cohesion. Referring to the program of the Rákóczi Association Katalin Szili said that the feeling of belonging to the nation is tangible in the camp.



Rákóczi Association organizes camps for secondary school pupils from the Carpathian Basin

On Saturday, the President of the Rákóczi Association said in the program of Hungary's public media M1 that the Rákóczi Association will organize camps next week in Sátoraljaújhely for secondary school pupils from the Carpathian Basin. Csongor Csáky said that programs will include folk dance, pop music programs, sport events and participants will visit Kassa/Košice as well. He said that the main objective of the camp was to provide a lifetime experience for the students and a platform for making friends with each other. He added that a 2-week drama camp will start in Székesfehérvár next week with sixty pupils, where participants will act in a play on 18th and 19th August.



We learnt why the number of medical training enrollment is reduced at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureş

In their response to the questions of the Cabinet of the State Secretarial Office of Minority Affairs, the Romanian National Council of Academic Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions (ARACIS) said that there are not enough professors at the Hungarian Faculty of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Târgu Mureş (MOGYE), hence they would reduce the number of enrollments. The ARACIS claims that the maximum capacity has changed because human resources requirements are not fully met on European level regulation at the Hungarian faculty. The proportion of university professors and students must be one professor to five or six students, which is not achieved at the Hungarian medical training of the MOGYE. Deputy rector Előd Nagy told Transindex that it is not true that there are not enough professors at the medical training. He added that if it was the case, the same problems should have emerged at the Romanian faculty as well.



Four-party presidential debate on the radio

The presidents of four parties with Hungarian concern held a debate today after lunch in the studio of the Pátria Radio. They all shared the view that Hungarian representation is of utmost importance. During the one-hour debate broadcast live on Pátria Radio, leader of the Most-Híd (Bridge party) Béla Bugár, President of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) József Menyhárt, head of the Hungarian Forum Zsolt Simon and President of the Hungarian Christian Democratic Alliance (MKDSZ) Csaba Fehér were interviewed by Vince Rácz. The main topics were the parliamentary elections in 2020 and the possible united candidacy as well as the substance of a joint representation.



Hungarian Consul General receives leaders of minority local governments

Consulate General of Hungary in Eszék/Osijek hosted a reception for the presidents of the minority local governments operating in the country. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for the newly elected officials to gain insight into the work of the consulate and to share their experiences with each other. General Consul De Blasio Antonio said: "The main objective of the meeting was to express our congratulations to the new leaders. Personal contacts are important as more can be done for the community with joint efforts. I am delighted that so many presidents accepted our invitation and were present at the reception." He added that the door of the consulate will always be open to the leaders of minority local governments and they will support their work as far as possible.

