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Hungarian child health experts are trained in Budapest

A three-day further training started on Monday in Budapest for over fifty Hungarian child health prevention experts living abroad. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the program which is part of the “2019 – Year of Hungarian Children Abroad” and the “Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program”, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister’s Office Péter Szilágyi said that this further training has been organized for the third time, this year with the participation of thirty experts from Transylvania, twenty-one from Vojvodina and one participant from Slovakia. Mr. Szilágyi pointed out that the further training for child health prevention experts was launched three years ago since supporting families is closely related to the objectives of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad. The politician recalled that the change of government in 2010 placed the policy for Hungarian communities abroad from a “distant and deep state” “onto a higher shelf”. In the period of construction between 2010 and 2014, the legal frameworks were established, while in the period between 2014 and 2018 the focus was placed on Hungarian communities’ prosperity in their homeland.



Péter Szijjártó in Arad: the economic development program of the Hungarian government continues in the Partium

Speaking at a joint press conference with the President of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) Hunor Kelemen in Romania’s Arad, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó stressed that it would be useful for both Romania and Hungary to make their relations closer since it would also strengthen Central Europe. Mr. Szijjártó said that the positive gestures towards the Hungarian communities living in Transylvania could strengthen the relations of the two countries as well as their role in Central Europe. Mr. Szijjártó added that Hungary regards the Romanian communities living in Hungary as an important resource and continuously takes actions to strengthen them. The minister concluded by saying that a similar attitude is expected from the Romanian leaders in respect of the Hungarian communities in Transylvania.



The Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) is to build unity with Most-Híd (Bridge) but would also welcome non-party members on their list

Speaking after the session of the National Council of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP), the members of the party said that they still believe that creating a single Hungarian list, based on an agreement with the Most-Híd (Bridge) party is the only solution, but at the same time they do not exclude the possibility that civil and non-party candidates join the Hungarian list as well. In their announcement



released after the session, they pointed out that they consider a single Hungarian electoral list to be the only solution to ensure the representation of the Hungarian community. In their statement they point out that the party suggested concrete solutions in June but the series of discussions following these suggestions did not bring the expected results.



Szijjártó: The relation between Hungary and Serbia is about collaboration and continuous constructions

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Kübekháza-Rábé border crossing point on Friday, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade pointed out that the relation between Hungary and Serbia is about collaboration and continuous constructions. Mr. Szijjártó said that the Hungarian-Serbian relation started with hostility and ended up as the best ever bilateral relation in the history. He added that both governments recognized that everyone loses with bad relations, but everyone, Hungarians and Serbians alike on both sides of the border, wins with good relations. The politician pointed out that the Hungarian-Serbian border has become the best-known crossing point in Europe in the past few years. Mr. Szijjártó added that this border was besieged by thousands and tens of thousands of illegal immigrants in 2015 violating the sovereignty and the laws of both Serbia and Hungary. He said that the task can be nothing else but to achieve that nobody can cross the border breaking the rules, but those who comply with the requirements can cross it as quickly as possible and in the most civilized way. Mr. Szijjártó said that the behavior of the international public life is hypocritical, regarding border offense as a human right issue.

Szijjártó: Both Hungary and Serbia benefit from the Vojvodina Economic Development Program

Speaking at the contract signing ceremony of the Vojvodina Economic Development Program of the Hungarian Government, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó said that a new period had started in the life of the Hungarian communities in Vojvodina in 2016 when the Hungarian government launched its economic development program which was accepted by the Serbian government as well. Since then the program has proven to be beneficial for both Vojvodina and Hungary. Mr. Szijjártó stressed that for Hungary the national borders are not the same as the state borders, which means that the Hungarian government policy must focus on the policy for Hungarian communities abroad, and one of the keystones of the strategy of the government must be the policy for Hungarian communities abroad.





Potápi: exemplary Hungarian-Hungarian collaborations start a new chapter in the Transcarpathian vocational training in Hungarian language

Speaking on Monday in Nagydobrony/Velyka Dobron in Transcarpathia at the school year opening and inauguration ceremony of the newly established Egán Ede Vocational Training Center of the Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that the collaboration of the motherland and Transcarpathia which enabled about a hundred students to start their studies in this institution this year, is exemplary for the Hungarian communities in the Carpathian Basin. The politician stressed that the collaboration of three ministries, two vocational training institutions and a higher education institution made it possible that education started in the Egán Ede Vocational Training Center. The clear objective is to further develop the Hungarian educational system outside Hungary. Mr. Potápi added that as part of the program “2015 – Year of Hungarian Vocational Training Abroad”, the extension and strengthening of the net of Hungarian vocational training institutions started and since then 145 equipped class rooms, workshops and farm schools have been built.



Levente Magyar: Economic Development Program in Croatia is more successful than expected

In Kórógy/Korod on Friday, Parliamentary State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Levente Magyar said that the success of the Croatian Economic Development program has exceeded all previous expectations which proves that there are a lot of Hungarian people in Croatia, Slavonia and Baranya who wish to build their future and the future of Hungarians through their investments. Mr. Magyar stressed that in the past three years a fund of HUF 2 billion (EUR 6.3 million) has been allocated to this region, and the beneficiaries of this program – farmers and entrepreneurs – have completed projects and developments worth HUF 3 billion (EUR 9.5 million).



A community house will be built in the Hungarian scout park in Bavaria

A financial support is granted to build a community house in the Hungarian scout park in Bavaria. The foundation stone of the investment was laid on Saturday. Speaking after the ceremony Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian Communities Abroad at the Prime Minister’s Office Péter Szilágyi told the Hungarian news agency MTI that the Scout Park of Hárshegy will be extended with a community house with a capacity of a hundred people. The scout park has been operating in Kastl-Mennersberg in Nürnberg near Burg Kastl since 1991, and it used to be the building of the former Hungarian Secondary School in Germany. Mr. Szilágyi said that scouting



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plays an extremely important role in passing on the language and the culture to the next generation in the diaspora, therefore the government highly supports this effort.
