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The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad announces video application “It’s great to be here”

Within the Year of Strong Hungarian Communities and National Cohesion, the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad has announced a video application entitled “It’s great to be here” to mark June 4, the Day of National Cohesion. In its announcement on Tuesday to the Hungarian News Agency (MTI), the state secretariat pointed out that their aim is to strengthen the sense of unity between Hungarians all over the world by commemorating the Treaty of Trianon on June 4. People aged between 10 and 25 may apply with any videos that show what unity means to them. Videos can be recorded on their phones or video cameras.

Potápi: We have to find alternative methods of commemoration due to the pandemic

Speaking on M1 on Tuesday evening, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that, due to the pandemic, we have to find alternative methods of commemoration – not only the commemoration on June 4, but all year. He said that the majority of the state secretariat’s programs will be held online, so it was only fitting to announce a video application to mark June 4. Mr. Potápi also said that the topic of the videos does not only need to be the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon this year, but also events like the 10th anniversary of the Government providing the possibility of dual citizenship to every Hungarian. He said that he thinks that “within politics and policies for Hungarian communities abroad, our most important duty is to address young people.”

Romanian parliament officially declares June 4 “Trianon Day”

On Wednesday the Romanian Parliament approved a law declaring June 4 – the date of the signing of the Treaty of Trianon – a national holiday. According to the law, events promoting the significance of Trianon will be organized and the national flag must be flown. During Parliament’s debate of the bill Hunor Kelemen, president of the RMDSZ, said that the bill itself and the events of the past three weeks pointed towards a Romanian feeling of insecurity that needs an outlet in the form of an enemy. The Trianon law was passed by the parliament by 235 votes to 21, with 25 abstentions.

Szijjártó-Sulík meeting: Every condition exists for the expansion of relations between Hungary and Serbia

Slovakia’s Minister of Economy and Deputy Prime Minister Richard Sulík and Hungary’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó met on Monday in Révkomárom (Komárno). They visited the new bridge over the Danube, the construction of which is almost finished and the two delegations held their meeting in



the Town Hall of Komárno. Mr. Szijjártó stressed that Slovakia is a very important partner for Hungary, being its third most important trade partner, its second most important export partner and Hungary's third most important target for capital investment. Mr. Szijjártó also stressed that the two countries have helped each other in transporting citizens, commuting in a 30-km border zone and continuously opened 11 border crossings. He thanked the Slovakian politician for allowing school-leaving examinations for Hungarian students in Felvidék.

MKP invites everyone to a consultation on the census – updated with reactions from Bridge and Unity of Hungarian Community

The executive board of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) had a meeting on Tuesday, in which they stated their position in favor of the establishment of a unified Hungarian representation. According to their statement, "MKP finds it crucial to keep in constant contact with Hungarians in Slovakia, the kin state and other Hungarian communities abroad. With regard to the relations between Hungarians in the kin state and abroad, we will improve our cooperation with the Hungarian government, parties and NGOs." They pointed out that they will continue to take positions when the Slovakian government makes remarks about Hungarian minorities and they will give expert advice on government decisions about Southern Slovakia.



Serbian president: There are many opportunities and hopes in the relationship and future of Hungary and Serbia

In Belgrade on Friday, Serbian president Aleksandar Vučić emphasized that there are many opportunities and hopes in the relationship and future of Hungary and Serbia. Mr. Vučić had a meeting with Hungarian PM Viktor Orbán. In their joint press conference, Mr. Vučić pointed out that during their meeting, they covered the topics of economy, sports, culture and diplomacy and talked about possibilities of cooperation. They talked about the construction of the Budapest-Belgrade and Subotica-Szeged-Baja railway lines, the resumption of the economy in both countries after the end of the coronavirus epidemic, and how Serbian and Hungarian companies can act together in the market. He pointed out that the two countries are at a peak in all domains of life. He expressed his gratitude to Orbán Viktor for having the courage to build these relations.



Protests: The regulation on micro-regions would attach Visk to Huszt

In spite of the decision of the local community, Visk (Vyshkovo) would be attached to the micro-region of Huszt (Khust) by a ministerial decree issued on May 13 on the establishment of hromadas. At a public forum last year, locals voted to merge Visk



and neighboring Veléte (Velyatyn). Nevertheless, the ministerial decree ignored the will of the local people and attached both settlements to the micro-region of Huszt. This was the topic of a debate on 14 May between the leaders of the municipalities of Visk and Veléte and newly elected governor of Transcarpathia Oleksiy Petrov. The meeting was held in the Transcarpathian County Administrative Office in Uzhgorod. The delegates emphasized that if the situation demands, they are willing to go as far as Kiev and fight to the end, to stand up for their rights. Representatives of local governments find it outrageous and incomprehensible that a law could be passed against the will of the people.

