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Orbán: This year has seen a coincidence of two seemingly different things

In his video message sent to the 19th online conference of the Hungarian Standing Conference (MÁÉRT), Prime Minister Viktor Orbán pointed out that this pandemic has shown that Hungarians belong together. Greeting the guests of MÁÉRT and the Hungarian Diaspora Council, he said that in a very interesting way this year has seen the coincidence of two seemingly different things: the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon and the pandemic. Both of these are a challenge, he said, and they remind us that challenges are not a part of history, but are present every day.

Zsolt Semjén: Let 2021 be the Year of New Beginnings

Speaking at the MÁÉRT conference, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén suggested that 2021 should be the Year of New Beginnings. Mr. Semjén emphasized that no political program was cancelled due to the pandemic; they were held online and were supplemented with new applications.

Semjén: The Hungarian nation is able to turn every challenge into an opportunity

Speaking at the conference of the Hungarian Diaspora Council on Thursday, Deputy Prime Minister responsible for Hungarian Communities Abroad Zsolt Semjén pointed out that the Hungarian nation is present worldwide and its members are able to turn every challenge into an opportunity, which is something which also applies to the diaspora. According to Árpád János Potápi, the pandemic did not weaken Hungarian communities, but on the contrary has given them every chance of emerging from the pandemic strengthened. He highlighted that strengthening the Hungarian communities in the diaspora is as important as strengthening those in the Carpathian Basin, and it is crucial for our children and grandchildren to also be Hungarians.

Potápi: In the past ten years policy for Hungarian communities abroad has been a success

Speaking on the public TV channel M1 last Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that over the past ten years policy for Hungarian communities abroad has been a success, with no other decade in the past century seeing policy flow as smoothly. According to Mr. Potápi, the pandemic has meant that some programs were moved online and some could not be held, but we are willing to continue the programs next year, as well, which is why it will be the Year of New Beginnings.





Gulyás: it is worth rewarding Hungarian unity in Transylvania

Speaking in Nagyvárad/Oradea on Sunday at a press conference with president of RMDSZ Hunor Kelemen, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyás pointed out that it is worth rewarding Hungarian unity in Transylvania by voting in the elections next Sunday. According to Mr. Gulyás, the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) and the Association of Hungarians in Transylvania (EMSZ) decided to cooperate in Transylvania and put members of the latter party on the RMDSZ list.



MKP may provide the president of a unified Hungarian political party in Slovakia

Donations from the Hungarian government arrive in Senta
Donations from the Hungarian government, including healthcare products, arrived in Zenta/Senta today. The Hungarian consul general in Szabadka/Subotica stated that the second wave of the pandemic is more challenging for the region than the first one in the spring. President of VMSZ István Pásztor was also present when the donations arrived. He stressed that these donations are also crucial symbolically, as they show the importance of solidarity and caring for one another in neighboring countries.

Serbian government nominates state secretaries

On his Facebook page VMSZ leader Dr. Bálint Pásztor has announced that last Thursday 4 state secretaries from VMSZ joined the party's group of 9 representatives. According to Mr. Pásztor, this list of names is still incomplete, as state secretaries for finance, justice and infrastructure will be nominated in the future, according to the coalition agreement.



Statement by KMKSZ on the banning of István Grezsa from Ukraine

The Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) has responded to the exclusion ban imposed by Ukraine on István Grezsa, ministerial commissioner for cooperation between Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County and Transcarpathia and the coordination of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program. KMKSZ described the ban as outrageous and extremely antagonistic. The action of the Ukrainian authorities is even more shocking as Mr. Grezsa is generally responsible for transporting charitable supplies to Transcarpathia.

