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Potápi: sport is a good vehicle for strengthening the nation

At the end of 2020, the Run Now! Program of the We Are of One Blood Foundation was supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The program, which collects money for Hungarian children in need in Hungary and abroad, included a virtual run on New Year's Eve, which anyone could join. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi, who was the main sponsor, also joined the event. After completing his distance, Mr. Potápi pointed out that the aim of policies for Hungarian communities abroad is to strengthen the nation in the Carpathian Basin and all over the world, and sport is a good vehicle for that purpose.

Mathias Corvinus Collegium will educate 10,000 students in the Carpathian Basin

In an interview published in the Thursday issue of Hungarian daily Magyar Nemzet (Hungarian Nation), Zoltán Szalai, Director General of the Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC), said that traditional heritage buildings can serve scientific and cultural objectives in Budapest and in provincial cities. The MCC is spending HUF 94.5 billion on infrastructure developments and the construction and renovation of institutions necessary for the suitable education of 10,000 young people in the Carpathian Basin.



Hungarian government assures Romanian PM Florin Cîțu of its support

On Thursday Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's press chief Bertalan Havasi told the Hungarian news agency MTI that Mr. Orbán has sent a letter of congratulations to Florin Cîțu, Romania's newly elected prime minister, assuring him of Hungary's support. Mr. Orbán said he was convinced that cooperation between Hungary and Romania based on mutual respect would significantly contribute to the two countries' development, as well as to boosting the European Union's economic growth and improving the well-being of their citizens.

The new government program includes several measures benefiting minorities

As announced on the website of the Romanian parliament on Wednesday, the adoption of a law on the status of national minorities and the effective punishment of xenophobic crime are also on the agenda of the prospective center-right government led by Florin Cîțu. The party, which has formed a coalition with the RMDSZ, published a 270-page, four-year program and devoted a two-page chapter of legislative and governmental measures related to the protection of minorities, but the goals of mother tongue use in education and administration also run through the whole document.



New members of the governments, including members of the RMDSZ, swear their oath of office

Members of the government led by Prime Minister Florin Cîțu swore their oath of office on Wednesday night. The ceremony took place at the Cotroceni Palace in the presence of President Klaus Iohannis, who said that a two-year period of elections has come to an end, many promises have been made, and it is time to see work. Iohannis stressed that citizens have been promised a restructuring of the state, and important reforms in areas such as health and education.



President of MKP Krisztián Forró's annual evaluation speech

According to the president of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP), the most important task for Hungarians in Slovakia is to reunite the Hungarian community. As Mr. Forró pointed out, reunification is a tool rather than a goal for Hungarians to have strong representation of their interests in the Parliament.



The annual evaluation of the VMSZ

The Újvidék/Novi Sad branch of the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians has held its traditional annual evaluation meeting. In view of the pandemic, this meeting was only attended by a few members. They also covered plans for 2021. Due to the pandemic in 2020, the Novi Sad branch of VMSZ was unable to carry out all its plans, and many of its events were cancelled. However, as branch president Annamária Vicserk pointed out, the investments and developments planned for the year were realized.



Kuleba: Kiev welcomes Hungarian initiative for communication

In an interview on the news portal TSZN on Wednesday, Ukrainian foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba said that Kiev welcomes Hungary's intention to resume constructive communication between the two countries. As Mr. Kuleba put it, after a sharp decline in bilateral relations over the past month, Ukraine has received a signal from Hungary that Budapest is ready to resume constructive communication with Kiev.

László Brenzovics's annual evaluation

In his annual evaluation, president of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ) László Brenzovics informed the press that even though the year 2020 was unsuccessful for Hungarians in Transcarpathia due to the pandemic, against all odds the community had remained strong. Mr. Brenzovics talked about the historic success of KMKSZ during the elections, the law on language and the "chaotic events" of the past few weeks.