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Potápi: the establishment of the House of Hungarians is part of the successful policy for Hungarian communities abroad

Speaking at a press conference in the House of Hungarians on Friday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the establishment of the House of Hungarians was part of the successful policy for Hungarian communities abroad over the past decade. Mr. Potápi called it symbolic that we commemorate the establishment of an institution that has played a crucial role in the preservation of Hungarian culture and identity on the Day of Hungarian Culture. Speaking at the press conference, the head of the institution Krisztina Csibi announced that marking the tenth anniversary of the House of Hungarians, a memorial year will be launched with a great variety of cultural programs.



100 pairs of training shoes donated to a Children's Home in Magyarfülpös

As part of a charity event, 100 pairs of training shoes were donated to the Rainbow Children's Home in Magyarfülpös/Filpişu Mare in Mureş County, Transylvania. The donation was handed over by Angéla Gui, founder of "We Are of One Blood" Foundation and State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi. Mr. Potápi mentioned that he also took part in the charity event, running 10 kilometers on 31 December at the charity running event. He highlighted the importance of sports in the policy for Hungarian communities abroad, stressing that it has a strong community building force.

The Day of Hungarian Culture in Csíkszereda

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi handed over prizes for school competitions in Csíkszereda/Miercurea Ciuc on Saturday at the event of the Day of Hungarian Culture organized by the Hungarian Teachers' Association of Romania (RMPSZ). In his speech, Mr. Potápi mentioned that the Day of Hungarian Culture is a possibility to admire everything that keeps Hungarians together besides commemorating the Hungarian national anthem (Himnusz) and its author Ferenc Kölcsey. Afterwards, president of RMPSZ Botond Burus-Siklódi gave a speech and handed over prizes as part of the Day of Hungarian Culture event.

Minority SafePack: Parliament of Friesland accepts motion of censure against European Committee

The regional Parliament of Friesland accepted a motion of censure to 'punish' the European Committee for rejecting the Minority SafePack, an initiative to protect minority rights at an EU-level. As they pointed out in their statement, the Parliament of Friesland had already called the EC to support the initiation, as it was signed by 1.1 million European citizens and many regional and minority parliaments and governments expressed their support.



RMDSZ nominated further state secretaries

The standing council of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) nominated two state secretaries in two ministries and a deputy state secretary in one ministry on Thursday. According to their decisions, Zsolt Matuz as state secretary in the Ministry of Public Works, Development and Administration, Gábor Sándor as state secretary in the Ministry of Transportation and Lóránd Fülöp as deputy state secretary in the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization were nominated.



At MKP's initiation, the three parties continue negotiations, still no agreement

At the initiation of MKP, the three parties, Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP), Híd (Bridge) and Összefogás (Unity of Hungarian Community) continued negotiations in December 2020. President of MKP Krisztián Forró pointed out that "negotiations mostly focused on the moral purity of the unified party and the election of its leader." According to MKP, in this democratic world, it's unprecedented that the management, the president and the organizations of a party should be elected outside the party.



The republican faction of VMSZ has set its priorities for 2021

As Dr. Bálint Pásztori shared on his Facebook page, the republican faction of VMSZ had its first session in Szabadka/Subotica. After evaluating the first parliamentary month, they set their priorities for 2021. They discussed the main issues concerning Hungarians in Vojvodina, such as the issue of migrants, the country's significant slowdown in European integration last year, the prevention and control of COVID-19 and the issue of the borders.



Government urges constant OSCE-mission in Transcarpathia

As Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out, the European Commission made it clear that they find the support of illegal migrants a lot more important than the protection of autochthonous national minorities. In a meeting with OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Kairat Abdrakhmanov on Tuesday, Mr. Szijjártó asked him to order the organization's special mission in Ukraine on a permanent basis, as in many cases, Hungarians are physically endangered there and the EC ignores the issue of national minorities.





HDMK gives Ács Gedeon Lifetime Achievement Award to Zsolt Semjén, Levente Magyar, Árpád János Potápi and Hajnalka Palizs-Tóth

Due to the pandemic, the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK) could not host their annual celebration of the Day of Hungarian Culture, but they found it very important to give out Ács Gedeon Lifetime Achievement Awards to Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Levente Magyar, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi and Director of the Economica Hungarica Foundation in Eszék/Osijek Hajnalka Palizs-Tóth for their persistent work for Hungarians in Croatia. President of the HDMK Róbert Jankovics pointed out that Hungarians in Croatia are in an unprecedented privileged position.

