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Potápi: being Hungarian is not a drawback, but an advantage

Speaking at the online Meeting of Hungarian Weekend Schools, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that being Hungarian is not a drawback, but an advantage; the Hungarian nation, he said, is now unified worldwide. Mr. Potápi pointed out that in 2010 there was not only a change of government, but also a radical change of direction – including in policies for Hungarian communities abroad. Today, he said, the Hungarian nation is unified worldwide again, and the Carpathian Basin is also unified, in terms of education, culture, economics and media. He added that this is all true for Hungarians in the diaspora. Speaking at the event, Ministerial Commissioner for Hungarian communities abroad Péter Szilágyi highlighted that the Meeting of Hungarian Weekend Schools was launched in 2018 with the participation of 22 countries; now their number is 35. According to the latest information, there are 250 weekend schools in the diaspora today, including in Norway and Italy. He expressed his joy that new diaspora organizations are being created in Paraguay and Columbia, where a Hungarian school will be opened.

Huge interest in online healthcare training courses among Hungarian communities abroad

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi has pointed out that there has been huge interest in online healthcare training courses in February launched by the Hungarian Pediatric Association and the Bethesda Children's Hospital. The State Secretariat announced that 2021 is the Year of New Beginnings. Within this, every month will be dedicated to a certain topic, and February was the month of children's health. He said that between 5 and 26 February an online training series would take place for pediatricians, nurses and psychological therapists.



The lawsuit on the affiliation of Valea Uzului starts

The High Court of Cassation and Justice of Romania has decided that the Harghita County Tribunal may hear the first instance border lawsuits of Harghita and Bákó/Bacău counties on the territorial designation of Úzvölgye/Valea Uzului. According to the law, the depopulated settlement on the county border was part of Csíkszentmárton/Sânmartin, Harghita County, and some of its territories - including the World War I military cemetery - were the property of the municipality of Dormánfalva/Darmanesti in Bacău County.



Construction work on a new highway between Hungary and Transylvania may start next year

In Szatmárnémeti/Satu Mare on Friday, Minister of National Innovation and Technology László Palkovics spoke about the Hungarian highway leading to the Csenger crossing of the Hungarian-Romanian border. He announced that acquisition of the land will start soon, and that in the summer the public procurement for the section of the M49 motorway between Mátészalka and Ökörítőfülpös may begin.



Potápi: let as many as possible declare themselves Hungarian in the census in Slovakia

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi is asking Hungarians in Slovakia to declare their Hungarian nationality in the census in Slovakia. In a video message posted on his Facebook page, Mr. Potápi says that the question for today is whether we want a future in Slovakia, whether we want our children to be able to receive education in their mother tongue and live their lives as Hungarians in Slovakia.

The Government accepts amendment of the law on citizenship

The amendment of the law on citizenship accepted by the Government states that Slovak citizens who take up a second citizenship will not lose their Slovak citizenship. According to the proposal, Slovak citizenship may be requested by former citizens who - with their own consent - were previously deprived of it, or people of Slovak origin who have a Slovak parent, grandparent or great-grandparent.



István Pásztor: a series of Hungarian investments will be made in Serbia in the future

Speaking on the morning show of Radio Subotica, the president of VMSZ István Pásztor pointed out that in the near future a series of Hungarian investments will be made in Serbia, especially in Vojvodina. The Hungarian government is offering support of €50 million to companies with investments in Serbia of over €100 million. Mr. Pásztor also talked about developments in Palics/Palić, and mentioned that last year the Hungarian government launched an application program for SMEs.





Memorial to the victims of communism inaugurated in Rákóczi College

Victims of the communist dictatorship were commemorated on 25 February in the Ferencz Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian College of Higher Education. At the event, a memorial statue by sculptor Péter Matl entitled "Bound" was inaugurated in the presence of a small audience. Speaking at the event, Consul General Mátyás Szilágyi said, "This is a black day in our history. On this day, we remember the heroes, the martyrs, the victims of religious persecution and the oppressed families."



State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi meets leaders of HDMK

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi made a lightning visit to Croatia and met leaders of the Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK): President Róbert Jankovics and Executive Chairman Olivér Matijević. After the meeting, Mr. Jankovics said that he reported on developments related to Hungarian organizations in Croatia and other current issues, and thanked the Hungarian government for its multi-faceted support serving Hungarians in Croatia.

