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Shared success stories strengthen economic relations between Hungary and Romania

After receiving the Romanian Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism Claudiu-Iulius-Gavril Năsui on Friday in Budapest, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that shared success stories strengthen economic relations between Hungary and Romania. After their joint press conference, the two ministers signed an agreement on the construction of a motorway between Mátészalka and Szatmárnémeti/Satu Mare. This will be the third motorway connection between Hungary and Romania. It will open in 2024.

Katalin Szili: signature collection is not over

Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili has said that there is exactly one month left for the collection of signatures for the civic initiative for the protection of national minorities initiated by the Szekler National Council. This is because the European Commission has extended the deadline for a second time, due to the pandemic. According to Ms. Szili, so far 1,152,486 signatures have been collected from 10 countries. The initiative will fulfil the condition of legal validity if the signatures are authenticated by the authorities of each Member State. She added that for this reason one cannot relax yet.

Chess skill useful for everyday life: training for nursery school teachers from Transylvania

As part of the Year of New Beginnings, the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad has once more organized the Chess Playground Complex Skill Development Program for nursery school teachers. The program was held online due to the pandemic. The aim of the program – which was launched two years ago – is to teach Hungarian nursery school teachers abroad all the methods and tactics in chess that are related to Judit Polgár.



Hungary is helping Slovakia in examining the Russian vaccine

Hungarian PM Viktor Orbán received Slovak Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Igor Matovič in the Carmelite Monastery in Budapest on Friday. Earlier Mr. Matovič had a meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó and they agreed that Hungary would help Slovakia in examining the Russian COVID-19 vaccine. On his Facebook page Mr. Matovič shared a video in which Mr. Orbán says that the talks were friendly and both countries are being tormented by the pandemic, in this situation the only thing that will help is the vaccine, and the more vaccine there is, the greater the chance of victory.



Potápi: remembering the traumas of the 20th century is a source of grief, but also an avowal of our belonging together

Speaking on Monday at an online commemoration of deportations of Hungarians from Slovakia, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that remembering the traumas of the 20th century is a source of grief, but also an avowal of our belonging together. At the event hosted by the Rákóczi Association, Mr. Potápi also recalled that the end of the Second World War did not bring peace for Hungarians in Slovakia either: it brought deprivation, persecution and finally deportation. Talking about the policy for Hungarian communities since 2010, Mr. Potápi mentioned that after surviving Trianon, the Beneš Decrees and decades of communism, Hungarians in Slovakia are building their future together.



Applications of the Prosperitati Foundation are successful

Bálint Juhász, Managing Director of the Prosperitati Foundation, pointed out that a record number of applications have been received for the calls for applications which closed on 31 March. One of the most popular calls for applications is the Prosperitati Foundation's home purchase scheme. At present there are no new home support grants, but those who successfully applied previously are already able to live in their new houses.



Applications may be submitted in the program to help the Hungarians of Transcarpathia catch up digitally

On behalf of and with the support of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, this year the KMKSZ Charity Foundation has again announced a call for applications in order to help people in the Hungarian-inhabited settlements of Transcarpathia catch up digitally. It has been possible to submit applications since 7 April. The program is being launched for the third time, and it is still very popular. Once again the budget this year is HUF 15 million.

