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Zsolt Semjén: Hungarian Nation Can Only Survive If Every Part of It Survives

Hungarians are a “Global Nation,” meaning that the survival of Hungary’s national identity is dependent on the survival of Hungarian communities all over the world, both in the Carpathian Basin and the diaspora, while a strong and self-assertive Hungary is fundamental as a base to support those living outside the country’s borders. This was the emphasis on day one of the seventh Friends of Hungary Conference, where members came together online to listen to the presentations of the chair of the Foundation’s board of trustees, Professor E. Sylvester Vizi, and Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary Zsolt Semjén. Professor E. Sylvester Vizi and Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary Zsolt Semjén spoke in detail on key subjects relevant to all Hungarians. Their discussion ranged several topics spanning from the impact Hungarians have had in the fight against the coronavirus, Hungarians as a global nation, and the equal importance of maintaining Hungarian identity abroad and at home.

Árpád János Potápi: Hungary is a cultural nation built on centuries of cooperation

Being Hungarian is not a question of origin, but rather a commitment to a culture that has been thriving for centuries. On the second day of the seventh Friends of Hungary Conference, guest speaker Árpád János Potápi, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad explained in detail how Hungary is a cultural nation, built on centuries of hard work which we can all be proud of. The host of the conference and president of the Friends of Hungary Foundation, Professor E. Sylvester Vizi, introduced members once again to the state secretary, who spoke about the history and origin of the concept of Hungarian national policy, as well as the current state of Hungary identity and the Hungarian diaspora.

Széchenyi Year 2021 call for applications for teachers at Hungarian weekend schools abroad

The Apáczai Csere János Faculty of Széchenyi University and the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is launching an application for teachers at Hungarian weekend schools abroad. According to a statement sent on Tuesday by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad to Hungarian News Agency MTI, the aim of the competition is to allow teachers to show their creativity and their cooperation with students during the teaching project, and to pay tribute to István Széchenyi, who was born 230 years ago this year. The call for applications is open to anyone who feels that they are creative and who teaches in a Hungarian weekend school in the diaspora. In addition to applications from traditional schools, those from online schools are also welcome.

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Apartments for medical doctors built with Hungarian state support were inaugurated in Borszék

As part of the program of building apartments for artists and medical doctors, apartments for medical doctors built with Hungarian state support were inaugurated in Borszék/Borsec, Szeklerland on Friday afternoon. After the event, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out to Hungarian News Agency MTI that this program is aimed to proclaim staying and prospering in the homeland and contributes to overcoming the shortage of doctors.

Árpád János Potápi in Gyergyószárhegy: if we do everything, Hungarian resurrection will come

Speaking at the inauguration of a scout memorial in Gyergyószárhegy/Lăzarea on Saturday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that if we do everything, Hungarian resurrection will come. Mr. Potápi also received a St. George award at the ceremony. He emphasized that we can recover from any difficulty, but we need hard work, faith and hope.

Castle church in Sepsiszentgyörgy, renovated with Hungarian state support, consecrated

The Reformed castle church in Sepsiszentgyörgy/Sfântu Gheorghe, renovated with the support of the Hungarian state, was consecrated on Sunday at a thanksgiving service. In his opening speech State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that the church was renovated with the support of the Hungarian nation, but its renovation also required an active local community.

Church restoration program in Transylvania: the Hungarian government has offered funding of more than HUF 3 billion

The Hungarian government is funding the restoration of more than 250 churches in Transylvania, Partium and Bánság/Banat. Speaking in Nagyvárad/Oradea on Thursday in the presence of religious leaders from Transylvania at a press conference called to present the church restoration program, State Secretary Miklós Soltész pointed out that the influences on the program are not only religious. The Hungarian government is providing HUF 3.32 billion (EUR 9.3 million) of funding for restoration work in Transylvania, Partium and Banat. This support relates to 262 churches in 219 settlements.



Szijjártó: after achieving unified Hungarian representation in Slovakia, our aim is strong advocacy

After meeting with the leaders of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) in Pozsony/Bratislava on Thursday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that after achieving unified Hungarian representation in Slovakia, the aim is strong representation in Parliament also. Mr. Szijjártó spoke about this in connection with an agreement reached in March on the establishment of unified Hungarian representation in Slovakia, and the resultant new party called “the Alliance”, formed from three Hungarian parties. Mr. Szijjártó said that these developments are welcome, and that Hungarians in Slovakia have once again come closer to being able to have unified representation.



István Pásztor: I'm allied with Orbán and Vučić on every important issue

The Serbian daily political newspaper Politika conducted an interview with István Pásztor, president of the Assembly of Vojvodina and the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians. The full Hungarian translation of the interview is available on the website of VMSZ. As Mr. Pásztor pointed out, “relations between the two countries have strengthened. We have been in constant communication, Hungary has donated equipment to Vojvodina several times, and when the borders were closed both countries acted to facilitate commuting.”



Szijjártó: recent developments in Ukrainian-Hungarian relations are a reason for cautious optimism

After meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba in the Hungarian Embassy of Pozsony/Bratislava on Thursday, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that recent developments in Ukrainian-Hungarian relations are a reason for cautious optimism. Addressing the Hungarian press, Mr. Szijjártó said that Ukrainian-Hungarian relations have been subject to some difficulties lately, the sources of which were Ukraine’s actions against Transcarpathian Hungarians. He added, however, that in recent days progress has been made that gives cause for cautious optimism and an opportunity, and that in the current situation these small advances should also be appreciated.

