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Semjén: after the wounds of Trianon, the Hungarian nation has been encouraged and given a chance

Speaking at the conference on national unity in Tihany on Thursday, Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén said that after the wounds of Trianon, the Hungarian nation has been encouraged and given a chance in the moral, emotional, institutional and financial sense. Mr. Semjén highlighted that the government has a responsibility for the fate of Hungarians across the borders, therefore they were granted citizenship and the government launched a series of programs aimed to enforce their interests. Mr. Semjén also mentioned that the government put policy for Hungarian communities abroad in the center of their politics, and the only reason for that was the Treaty of Trianon. Mr. Semjén added that “By now, the Hungarian government has put the policy for Hungarian communities abroad in the focus, and for the sole reason of Trianon. The government made it clear in the constitution that Hungary has a responsibility for ethnic kin”.

Potápi: Applications for “In Hungarian in the homeland” program published

Speaking at a press conference on Wednesday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that applications for the program supporting Hungarian-language education abroad called “In Hungarian in the homeland” are available. Parents and children studying abroad in a Hungarian-language kindergarten or school, or study Hungarian as an optional subject, can apply for education, textbook and teaching aid support. According to the application, all young children learning Hungarian receive a grant worth HUF 22,400 which parents can apply for by submitting an application. Mr. Potápi called the main novelty of the program this year that the symbolic student support for higher education students, worth HUF 2,800, will be increased to HUF 22,400. Mr. Potápi added that they are planning to extend education support to children as of age 1 (crèche age), expected from the autumn 2021.

Szijjártó: Romania’s success in the environment protection is important to Hungary, as well

After receiving Romanian Minister Barna Tócsos, Péter Szijjártó posted on his Facebook page that Hungary welcomes the successes of Romanian Minister of Environment, Water and Forests Barna Tócsos. Mr. Szijjártó also welcomed the fact that the capacity to clean watercourses from mines in Romania is being increased, as this is also an important step forward in joint environmental efforts.



Potápi: Strong Hungarian communities are created through sports

Addressing Hungarian news agency MTI on Thursday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that one of the most important fields of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad is sports, as it creates strong Hungarian communities. Mr. Potápi stated this after placing a time capsule in the base of the gym under construction in Tóthfalu/Totovo Selo. Mr. Potápi stressed that the government made a decision to invest in the construction of a gym in Totovo Selo in 2019. The HUF 350 million budget allows the community to buy a bus besides building a gym.



Szijjártó: vaccinated Hungarians and Ukrainians can cross border freely from Friday

On Thursday Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó announced that Ukrainian and Hungarian citizens who are vaccinated against Covid 19 can travel freely to each other's countries from Friday without the requirement of a test or quarantine, regardless of the type of vaccine they have received. The minister said that the two countries have agreed to recognize each other's immunity certificates.

Katalin Szili: a good professional qualification is equivalent to a degree

Addressing Hungarian news agency MTI on Wednesday, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin Katalin Szili pointed out that a good professional qualification is equivalent to a degree, which is why the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad supports vocational training of Hungarians in Transcarpathia. Ms. Szili informed that the aim of the program is to provide a chance for the participants to prosper in their homeland besides preserving their identity.

KMKSZ asks the president to recognize Hungarians in Ukraine as indigenous minorities

On Thursday, on behalf of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ), president László Brenzovics asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a letter to recognize Hungarians in Ukraine as indigenous minorities. Mr. Brenzovics pointed out that according to the documents of the UNO, indigenous minorities are "people living in independent countries", they are descendants of people who lived in the country or geographical area that is part of the present country, when conquering or colonizing that part of the country or establishing existing borders, retained some or all of their social, economic, cultural and political institutions, regardless of their legal status.



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Potápi: Hungarians in Slovenia want to prosper in their homeland

Speaking in Slovenia's Gyertyános/ Gaberje after placing a time capsule in the base of a gym under construction, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi stressed that Hungarians in Slovenia want to remain and prosper in their homeland. As part of his visit, the state secretary hold talks with the leaders of the local Hungarian community and visited investments supported by the Hungarian Government.

