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Potápi: application opened for supporting Hungarian programs abroad

Speaking at a press conference in Budapest on Monday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced that as part of the New Beginnings Program, an application for proposals supporting the events and programs of Hungarian organizations abroad had been published. He stated that thanks to the effective epidemic management, it became possible to support the events and programs of the Hungarian organizations of the Carpathian Basin and the diaspora after the institutional development and asset acquisition support announced in April.

Sailing camp for Hungarian students abroad opens in Orfű

Sailing camp for Hungarian students abroad, organized by Rákóczi Association and Taboo Sailing Team, opened in Orfű. Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin Katalin Szili emphasized at the opening event that the 22 students from Máramarossziget/Sighetu Marmăției and Nagybánya/Baia Mare can not only get to know their environment, but will gain lifelong skills. Ms. Szili called the idea of a sailing camp brilliant, and expressed her hope that it will become a tradition.



New nursery school and gym inaugurated in Nagyenyed

Speaking at the inauguration of the new nursery school and gym in Nagyenyed/Aiud on Wednesday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that “life embroiders the flags that were offered by the Hungarian state on the millennium of the nation.” The nursery school and the gym were built in the courtyard of Bethlen Gábor College, supported by the Hungarian Government. As Mr. Potápi pointed out, “we did not suppose in 2000 that 21 years later, in 2021, we’ll be able to show these results.”

Entrepreneurs participating in the Transylvanian Mentor Program awarded

On Wednesday, approximately a hundred Transylvanian entrepreneurs attended the closing and awarding ceremony of the mentor program hosted by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, the Design Terminal and the Pro Economica Foundation. The aim of the program was to create a social web that “cannot be torn away by anyone.” In his opening speech, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi mentioned that in 2019, the program was launched in every region to provide an opportunity for development, to stimulate Hungarian enterprises and strengthen the economy of Hungarian families.



István Grezsa inaugurates nursery school sports fields in Szeklerland

Ministerial Commissioner for the coordination of the Carpathian Basin Nursery School Development Program István Grezsa inaugurated nursery school sports fields built with the support of the Hungarian government on Thursday in Gyergyószentmiklós/Gheorgheni, Székelyudvarhely/Odorheiu Secuiesc and Szentegyháza/Vlăhița. Mr. Grezsa informed Hungarian News Agency MTI via phone that 12 per cent of Hungarian nursery schools have this kind of sports field.



Potápi: our mutual past is the basis of our mutual future

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the statue of Béla IV in Besztercebánya/Banská Bystrica in Slovakia, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that our mutual past is the basis of our mutual future. Banská Bystrica was declared a town by Béla IV, has practically no Hungarian population today, and the erection of a statue of Béla IV was possible thanks to several supports, including that of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. Mr. Potápi highlighted that the inauguration of the statue reminds us how many personalities connected the two nations in the past, and hopefully, there will be some in the future, as well.

Kallós Zoltán prize is awarded to Katalin Vadkerty

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán awarded Slovak historian Katalin Vadkerty with the Zoltán Kallós Prize for Hungarian Communities Abroad. The recognition is given to Hungarian individuals and organizations in the kin-state or abroad who perform outstanding activities in public life, education, culture, preservation of the nation's heritage, church life, science, mass media and economic self-organization for the benefit of Hungarian communities abroad. The prize was handed over to Ms. Vadkerty in her home in Érsekújvár/Nové Zámky in Slovakia, presented by State Secretary Árpád János Potápi.



Local charter of regional and minority languages accepted in Kanjiža

At Thursday's meeting of the Municipal Board of Representatives in Magyarkanizsa/Kanjiža, the deputies approved the proposal of the local charter of regional and minority languages of the town. Tibor Pletikoszity, the leader of the VMSZ faction, told reporters at a press conference held after the meeting that such a proposal was the first in Serbia to be adopted in the village of Kanjiža. The document also applies to the official use of the Hungarian language.





Hungary would like Ukraine to allow the use of Hungarian language across the country

Speaking at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out that Ukraine has to allow Hungarian minorities the use of Hungarian language across the country, including education, culture and bureaucracy. In his opening speech, he highlighted the importance of minority rights for Hungary.



HDMK re-elects Róbert Jankovics as president

The Democratic Union of Hungarians of Croatia (HDMK) re-elected Róbert Jankovics as president on Kopács/Kopačevo on Saturday. Delegates from HMDK member organizations also elected Olivér Matijevic as executive chairman of the umbrella organization, as well as members of the national presidency and HMDK committees.

