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Potápi: We can speak of a unified Carpathian Basin again

Speaking at the book launch of Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili's book *Ten out of Thirty* on Tuesday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that in many ways, we can speak of a unified Carpathian Basin again. Mr. Potápi added that the Carpathian Basin is not only socially and culturally unified, but regarding healthcare and education, as well. Talking about her book, Ms. Katalin Szili highlighted that opening it, we get an overview of the efforts of the last ten years to meet Hungarian communities' need for autonomy, but also a perspective on Europe, noting that the European Union does not deal with the issue of national minorities.

Value and Quality Grand Prix presented

The Value and Quality Grand Prix were presented on Thursday in the Parliament of Budapest. 41 applications of 38 candidates received the prize this year, several of them received niveau and special awards, as well. Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly János Latorcai, who serves as the chief patron of the Value and Quality Grand Prix, highlighted in his speech that Hungarian enterprises successfully adapted to the changed conditions due to the pandemic and significantly contributed to a quick and dynamic relaunch of the Hungarian economy. Founder of the Value and Quality Grand Prix application system Ildikó Kiss Károlyné pointed out that they received applications from Transylvania and all over Hungary. The State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is an exclusive supporter of the application system.

Rákóczi Association joins the Papal Mass with 700 Hungarian secondary school students abroad

On 12 September, the Rákóczi Association joined the Papal Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress and the pilgrims of Father Csaba Bőjte with 700 Hungarian secondary school students abroad. As per the request of Franciscan monk Csaba Bőjte, the association invited students from Slovakia, Transcarpathia, Transylvania and Vojvodina. The association called it an extraordinary opportunity to have students from the Carpathian Basin pray together in this historical moment for the future of Christian Europe.



Renovated Arany Palace inaugurated in Nagyszalonta

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Arany Palace in Nagyszalonta/Salonta on Saturday, Miklós Kásler pointed out that we have to preserve every Hungarian memory, because they are the future of our nation. Mr. Kásler added that it's high



time that every nation recognized and represented their own values and traditions, as they are the key for the development and excellence of the region. In his speech, he promised that he would help preserve Hungarian faith and traditions.

Nursery schools built with Hungarian support inaugurated in Oradea and Mureş County

On Thursday evening, a baptist nursery school, built with the support of the Hungarian government, was inaugurated in Nagyvárad/Oradea. The new nursery school will provide 66 children (3 classes) a high quality daycare and education. In Koronka/Corunca, Erdőszentgyörgy/Sângeorgiu de Pădure and Nyárádszereda/Miercurea Nirajului, Mureş County, three reformed nursery schools and crèches were inaugurated on Monday. Head of Department of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad Réka Brendus pointed out: the Hungarian government cares for all Hungarian children and people, the new nursery schools that we inaugurate prove this, as new bricks in the growing wall of the Transylvanian Hungarian community.



Szili: Unified political advocacy is the key for the survival of Hungarians in Slovakia

After meeting presidents of the Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP) Krisztián Forró, Most-Híd (Bridge) László Sólymos and the Unity of Hungarian Community Szabolcs Mózes, Prime Ministerial Commissioner Katalin Szili pointed out that unified strategy and political advocacy is the key for the survival of Hungarians in Slovakia. The agenda of their meeting included strengthening and expanding minority language and cultural rights and the need for a unified political advocacy.

Potápi: we mustn't give up on Hungarians living in dispersed communities

Speaking at the inauguration of the Hungarian House in Pográny/Pohranice, renovated with the support of the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, on Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed emphasized that we mustn't give up on Hungarians living in dispersed communities. In his speech, Mr. Potápi talked about the projects of the Hungarian government aimed to unify Hungarians abroad, and their effects on communities. He claimed that probably there is not a single community inhabited by Hungarians in Slovakia that has not yet been supported by the Hungarian government. Mr. Potápi recalled that the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad have supported Hungarian organizations through calls for application to support operations, development, asset acquisition, events and programs since 2011. This year the different calls for applications have been unified under the name of New Beginnings Program. On Friday in Zselíz/Želiezovce, the cellar of the Sacher House was



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inaugurated, too, also supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad.

The Hungarian-Serbian cooperation is extremely successful

Prime Minister Viktor Orbán received Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabić on Wednesday in the Carmelite Monastery. Mr. Orbán underlined that in case of a migration wave, Hungary and Serbia will join forces to protect Germany and Europe. According to the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Minister Péter Szijjártó stressed that the cooperation between Hungary and Serbia is in its historical best, which means a huge economic benefit for both countries. Mr. Szijjártó emphasized that the Vojvodina economic growth program continues. So far, 14,000,000 SMEs received a support of HUF 60 billion, the value of the investment is HUF 120 billion. In her press statement, PM Ana Brnabić highlighted that the agreement on the bilateral strategic partnership is the peak of the cooperation since 2014, the first joint governmental session.

FUEN 65th Congress held in Trieste

The 65th Congress of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) was held in Trieste, Italy. In his opening speech, MEP Loránt Vincze, the president of FUEN pointed out that we are more advanced in the protection of minority communities in Europe than a decade ago, and during the pandemic, which has pushed all other issues into the background, the Minority SafePack has made national communities, minorities, language groups and nationalities high on the European policy agenda. In his speech, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi emphasized that we Hungarians know what being in the minority means and that Hungary supports the existence and operation of the FUEN.