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The future of Europe is guaranteed by the survival of Christian values

Speaking in Bonyhád-Majos on Sunday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the future of Europe and Hungary is guaranteed by the survival of Christian values. At the consecration of the Roman Catholic church of Bonyhád-Majos, Mr. Potápi, Fidesz Member of Parliament for the region, added that the Hungarian government will continue to do everything it can to support historic churches, local communities and everyone who shares the same values. He stressed that since 2010, 3,000 churches in the Carpathian Basin have been renovated – something which has not happened since the reign of King Stephen I.

Rétvári: a human life can only be complete with national identity

In Budapest on Wednesday, speaking at an event in the “Step Beyond Your Limits!” program of the Human Capacities Grant Management Office (EMET), Bence Rétvári, Parliamentary Secretary of State at the Ministry of Human Resources, pointed out that a human life can only be complete with national identity. He added that without Hungarian communities abroad, there is no nation and no country. As part of the program lasting two and a half years, tens of thousands of Hungarian students from 450 settlements have been able to meet their compatriots in Hungary and abroad.

Potápi: this year’s Without Borders applications published

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi announced in Budapest that applications for the Without Borders Program have opened on Monday, allowing 7th graders and secondary school students to travel in the Carpathian Basin. Mr. Potápi informed that the budget for the application for 7th graders is HUF 1.3 billion and that of secondary students is between HUF 500,000 and 5 million. Mr. Potápi recalled that the program was launched in 2010 and the first buses left Budapest on 4 June 2011.



Speeches about the quality of local Hungarian institutions at the opening of Hungarian Days in Timișoara/Temesvár

At the opening event of the Hungarian Days in Timișoara/Temesvár, there were speeches about the quality of local Hungarian institutions. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi expressed his opinion on the importance of quality in addition to appearance when building a Hungarian church, nursery school or crèche. Dominic Fritz – the Mayor of Temesvár/Timișoara, who is of German descent – stated that local Hungarians focus on the quality of institutions, with Bartók Béla High School being one of the best schools of the town and the Theater of Timișoara attracting foreign audience members.



Katalin Szili: Every Hungarian beyond the borders agrees on the question of autonomy

According to Katalin Szili, every Hungarian community beyond the borders agrees on the question of autonomy. In the Hungarian Days of Timișoara/Temesvár on Friday, Ms. Szili, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin, launched her new book *Ten out of Thirty*. The book summarizes the past ten years of policy on Hungarian communities abroad. In a telephone interview before the book launch, Ms. Szili told Hungarian News Agency MTI that the book aims to draw a picture of the results of the past ten years of policy for Hungarian communities abroad and the deficiencies of European international regulation on national minorities.

Lutheran and Episcopal church in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca consecrated

In Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca, the renovated Lutheran church and the nearby Episcopal church have been consecrated in the presence of church leaders and representatives of the Romanian and Hungarian governments. In his formal address, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that today, renovated churches bring the promise of spiritual renewal of the nation everywhere in the Carpathian Basin.



Wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial to the victims of the massacre of Petržalka/Pozsonyligetfalu

In Slovakia to this day, the fact that after the Second World War, Czechoslovak soldiers butchered Hungarian and German civilians on the outskirts of Pozsony/Bratislava and in Central Moravia is still a taboo subject. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi and author Géza Dunajszky, president of the Petržalka-Engerau Civil Society, visited the memorial site of the 1945 massacre to pay their respects. Mr. Potápi emphasized that it is crucial for everyone to know what happened in Petržalka, as if we forget to pass on the memory of these events on to the next generation, we cannot prevent ourselves from repeating them.

Potápi: Hungarian is not just a nationality – it is a quality

On Wednesday there was an inauguration ceremony for the Hungarian College of Pozsony/Bratislava, supported by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad. In his speech at the ceremony, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that being Hungarian is not simply a question of nationality or a commitment, but it is also of quality. At the event, Mr. Potápi stressed the importance of vocational colleges and the necessity of a strong Hungarian institutional system.



Potápi: Hungarians of Vojvodina/Vajdaság can set an example to other Hungarian communities

Speaking in Pancsova/ Pančevo in Serbia on Saturday, at the 75th anniversary of the Petőfi Sándor Hungarian Cultural Society, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that the Hungarians of Vojvodina have come a long way in the past decades. He said that during the wars of the 1990s the future of the Hungarian people of Vojvodina was in doubt, but today this community is flourishing and setting an example to other Hungarian communities. Mr. Potápi added that the Petőfi Sándor Hungarian Cultural Society in Pančevo/Pancsova is the main link between local Hungarians and the institution that strengthens their identity.

Potápi: the Saint Stephen Lyceum in Munkács/Mukachevo has been enriching the life of the Hungarians of Transcarpathia for 20 years

In a letter sent to mark the 20th anniversary of the institute on Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that a combination of faith and culture, community and homeland are the values with which the St. Stephen Lyceum of Munkács/Mukachevo has enriched the life of the Hungarians in Transcarpathia for the past 20 years. Mr. Potápi underlined that the Lyceum is a refuge where patience and education form students into a community.
