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Potápi: 3,000 projects won in the applications of the Year of New Beginnings

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday in Budapest, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that approximately 3,000 Hungarian projects abroad won support worth more than HUF 2 billion in the applications of the Year of New Beginnings. Mr. Potápi stressed that in 2021, the Year of New Beginnings, 3 important applications were opened to support Hungarian organizations abroad.



Potápi: In the unified educational space of the Carpathian Basin, Sapientia is now unavoidable

The 20th anniversary of the first school year opener of University Sapientia EMTE was celebrated in Csíkszereda/Miercurea Ciuc on Sunday in the company of ecclesiastical and secular leaders, leaders and representatives of Hungarian higher education institutions in the motherland and the Carpathian Basin, former and current lecturers and guests. According to State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi, ten years after Prime Minister Viktor Orbán announced that the Hungarian government would contribute to the maintenance and operation of Sapientia EMTE in a predictable way, today, we can say that this intention became part of the university's everyday life, and the past 11 years prove this.

Greek Catholic church in Nagypeleske restored with Hungarian support inaugurated

The Greek Catholic church in Nagypeleske/Peleș (Satu Mare County) restored with Hungarian support was inaugurated on Friday. In his opening speech, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi recalled that Prime Minister Viktor Orbán donated millennial flags to Hungarian settlements and churches abroad in 2000, and mentioned that "one part of the flag is already embroidered, the other will be with time." Mr. Potápi added that recently, about 3,000 churches have been restored in the Carpathian Basin, 1,600 of which were abroad. 40 churches were Greek Catholic.

Árpád János Potápi participates in foundation stone laying and inauguration of nursery schools in dispersed communities of Southern Transylvania

State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi participated in the foundation stone laying and inauguration of nursery schools in the dispersed communities of Magyarpéterfalva/Petrisat and Vajasd/Oiejdea in Southern Transylvania. In his celebratory speech, Mr. Potápi emphasized his joy over the fact that Hungarians in dispersed communities are building Hungarian institutions. He



mentioned that 103 new nursery schools are built and 376 are restored in Transylvania from HUF 33 billion.



Szijjártó: Our common interest is to strengthen the relations between Hungary and Slovakia

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Péter Szijjártó pointed out in Pozsony/Bratislava on Tuesday that our common interest is to strengthen the relations between Hungary and Slovakia and the government forces concrete, visible results in this matter. Speaking at a joint press conference of Mr. Szijjártó and his Slovak counterpart, Ivan Korčok, Mr. Szijjártó highlighted that Hungary focuses on strengthening the cooperation in the Visegrad Group.

Scenario implemented: the Alliance formed

The Alliance, formed with the merger of Party of the Hungarian Community (MKP), Most-Híd (Bridge) and Unity of Hungarian Community, held its inaugural general assembly on Saturday. Krisztián Forró was officially elected president of the party. After lengthy negotiations, a conclusion was made that the president of the new party must be a member of MKP. State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi congratulated the party in a letter, in which he says "let the Alliance be the force that represents the colorfulness of Hungarians in Slovakia while preserving a unity in action."

House of Hungarians celebrates jubilee with a rich series of programs in Borsi

One of the successes of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad of the past eleven years is the House of Hungarians, a diversified activity of the institution established ten years ago to strengthen the relations between the Hungarian communities in Hungary and abroad. The House of Hungarians was established in 2011 with the support of the Hungarian government, within the framework of the Bethlen Gábor Fund Management Ltd. Its goals include the preservation and proclaiming of Hungarian culture, as well as helping the operation of the state secretariat and the system of institutions for Hungarians abroad. Director Krisztina Csibi stated that the entire Carpathian Basin would be represented in Borsi/Borşa from Thursday to Sunday: speakers came from Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia, Vojvodina, Transylvania and Hungary.





Szijjártó: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary summoned the ambassador of Ukraine

On Wednesday, Minister Péter Szijjártó shared on his Facebook page that we consider it a violation of our sovereignty that Ukraine wants to prevent Hungary's secure gas supply, we ask for this, and we asked the Ukrainian ambassador to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on Tuesday. Mr. Szijjártó reminded that a contract was signed with Gazprom on Monday, guaranteeing the gas supply of Hungary for the next fifteen years. This is a great success, because on the one hand, in today's uncertain world, everything that provides predictability has great value, and on the other hand, we have agreed on a price formula that ensures the long-term sustainability of the results of overhead reductions.



Potápi: this year, the mentor program will be expanded in 5 countries

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the mentor program supported by the Hungarian government on Wednesday in Kopács/Kopačevo, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that after Vojvodina and Transylvania, Croatia will join the countries that offer the mentor program. Slovakia and Transcarpathia will join soon, which make 5 countries. He explained that as part of the program successful entrepreneurs will be connected with startups to contribute to the extension of the social network and the strengthening of the Carpathian Basin as a unified economic field.



Katalin Szili: Hungary takes responsibility for Hungarians abroad

Speaking at the general assembly of the Association of Hungarians in Sweden (SMOSZ) on Saturday, Prime Ministerial Commissioner responsible for the coordination of autonomy aspirations in the Carpathian Basin Katalin Szili pointed out that Hungary takes responsibility for Hungarians abroad. SMOSZ currently has approximately 5,000 members and involves 27 organizations. Ms. Szili added that involving Hungarians in the diaspora as well as in the Carpathian Basin is an important task. Hungarian is now a worldwide nation, there are Hungarian communities all over the world supported by the government to preserve their national identity. She highlighted that the SMOSZ contributes to the preservation of Hungarian identity with numerous educational and cultural activities such as providing an opportunity for young people to learn Hungarian at the weekends.