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Acting as a family in the Year of the Active Nation

In an interview on Tuesday in Hungarian daily newspaper Magyar Hírlap (Hungarian News), State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi spoke about planned support for Hungarian children, elderly people and entrepreneurs abroad. Mr. Potápi pointed out that Ferenc Gyurcsány – whose political record includes incitement against Hungarian communities abroad and bringing the country to the brink of bankruptcy – wants to get back to power. He explained that “the Left never considered the Hungarian nation as a whole. To them, the nation means people who speak Hungarian. We, on the other hand, believe that every Hungarian counts, no matter where they live. There is no type A or B Hungarian.” Concerning their plans, he pointed out that “our aim is to fill in the gaps: certain practices that work in one region should be extended to the whole Carpathian Basin. In addition to young people, we should also focus on elderly people. Furthermore, we will continue focusing on economic and urban development.”



The RMDSZ launches campaign for Hungarian speaking primary schools

On Thursday the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (RMDSZ) launched an enrollment campaign promoting the choice of Hungarian-language education in Romania. Tivadar Magyari, the association's executive vice-president for education, and Ödön Szabó, an education politician and vice-chairman of the education committee of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, spoke about the campaign at a press conference in Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca.

Law on minority and family protection is a priority for RMDSZ in this this parliamentary session

On Friday Transylvanian news portal Maszol listed the following as being among the RMDSZ's priorities during the spring parliamentary session: adoption of the minority law; development of the family support law package; improvement in the efficiency of education and public procurement; and mitigation of the shock caused by the energy price explosion. According to Botond Csoma, MP and faction leader of RMDSZ in the Chamber of Deputies, “during the legislative period, which officially began on February 1, the RMDSZ is preparing to submit to the legislature draft legislation that it was unable to submit last year due to tensions within the previous governing coalition or the autumn government crisis, or did not consider it timely to submit them for debate.”





Potápi: a community's identity is strengthened by improving relations between economic actors

In his opening speech at the finale of the Slovakia Mentor Program in Komáromszentpéter/Svätý Peter on Thursday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi said that a community's identity is strengthened by improving relations between economic actors. The most important goal of the mentor program – launched by the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad, Design Terminal and the Association of Hungarian Entrepreneurs in Slovakia – was to create a professional environment that helps entrepreneurs in this Hungarian region abroad by training experienced large entrepreneurs as mentors, and to develop and expand the contact and experience capital of the entrepreneurs participating in the program.



Potápi: the Year of the Active Nation begins with the support of sports

In Hajdújárás/Ranutovac on Friday, State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad Árpád János Potápi pointed out that the Year of the Active Nation could not start with anything other than the support of sports and daily physical education, while helping those in need. Mr. Potápi's visit to Vojvodina started with a tour of Szabadka/Subotica, where the first stop was the City Museum. Mr. Potápi later inaugurated the Vackor Nursery School. Finally, the charity running program of the We Are One Blood Foundation ended with the gift of sports shoes at the Poverello Foundation's home in Ranutovac. Mr. Potápi handed over one hundred pairs of sports shoes to institutions helping children in difficult circumstances. He emphasized that in recent years one of the main directions of the policy for Hungarian communities abroad has been to support sports. The State Secretariat has been able to deliver a sports equipment package to almost all schools in the Carpathian Basin and is increasingly able to support both competitive sports and team sports.



State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad supporting the digital inclusion program for Hungarians in Transcarpathia in 2022, too

As part of the Transcarpathian social program package, the State Secretariat for Hungarian Communities Abroad is supporting the digital inclusion program for Hungarians in Transcarpathia, aimed at providing high-speed internet access for Hungarian families in Transcarpathia. This is the fourth year in which it has supported the program. The program was launched in 2019 by the State Secretariat and implemented in Transcarpathia by the Charity Foundation of the Transcarpathian Hungarian Cultural Association (KMKSZ). Families are invited to apply for internet access and one month's subscription.