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CELEBRATION OF MODERN PENTATHLON DAY - A NEW EVENT FOR KAUNAS AND A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR LITHUANIA'S YOUNG PENTATHLETES

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The Hiperionas Modern Pentathlon Club in Kaunas has celebrated a hugely successful staging of Lithuania's first ever Modern Pentathlon Day.

Young pentathletes of the club tested themselves as organizers of the event and gained extremely valuable experience at the festival held in Kalnie?iai Park. Everyone was given the chance to try their hand at all five sports of Modern Pentathlon — fencing, swimming (simulated with special exercises), riding, running and shooting — filling in an event results card after completing each station.

The event was held in a good weather and attracted over 500 people. About 300 of them tried out all the sports of Modern Pentathlon and were awarded with sponsors' prizes.

All the guests also had a chance to talk to Lithuanian Olympians Gintare Ven?kauskaite (Tokyo 2020) and Ieva Serapinaite (Rio 2016).

Edvinas Ancuta, a pentathlete with the club, was the leader of Modern Pentathlon Day preparations and said he was very pleased with how things worked out.

"It was a very big challenge for me," said Ancuta. "But during the event itself good weather and the number of interested people were the most pleasing."

Ancuta's Hiperionas club-mate Ula Andrejevaite tested herself in marketing the event.

"I am very glad that companies trusted us and willingly contributed to the event," she said. "It was also a lot of fun to see our athletes among the volunteers, they professionally explained things about the sport to everyone interested."

All the communication of the event fell under Titas Purnas' responsibility.

"I was surprised by the number of attending people and also how quickly they understood the sport. I hope to see new faces in pentathlon trainings and competitions soon," said the young athlete.

"We are very satisfied with the event, a lot of people got involved," said Paulius Aleksandravicius, the head of Hiperionas. "One of the most important goals was to allow the club's young athletes do as much work as possible on their own."

"We helped them with the formalities, but the most of the work was done by pentathletes Edvinas, Ula and Titas with assistance from other members of the club. We successfully organized the European Youth Championships in Kaunas in 2019 and we hope to have big events as well. So such experience gained by young people will be very useful in the future."