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Open House in Daile theatre

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Competition on NATO for secondary school students

The town festivals – NATO informative tent and special hot-air balloon of the NATO Riga Summit in Latvian town festivals

Art competition

The scientific work competition for Latvian university students

The Guest lecture series in Latvian universities

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