

Ms. Lanka 2008

# Beautiful in every way!



Three beauty queens - (L to R): Ms. Sunday Observer - Nilusha Sarojini, Ms. Lanka 2008 - Sunduni Tharaka, Max Queen - Kanchana Jayalath.



Ms. Lanka 2008 flanked by runners-up



A gift voucher - Scholarship for Level 3 NVC Beautician from Mrs. Gwendoline Kuthaveva of Technique International



C.Riosom Ingalbandara gives away the trophy to Janali Shereen



Ms. Lanka 2008 receives a gift pack from Ms. Kanthi Basnayake



Ms. Lanka 2008, 3rd-Runner up Dinusha Rajapaksa receives the trophy from Dr. Upendra De Silva



Janali Shereen being sashed by Mary Peiris



Dr. Indika Senarathna, Chairman, Technique International congratulates Ms. Lanka 2008. Director, (Marketing), Krishan Kuthaveva is also in the picture.

In aid of the Elders Home for the Blind in Ambalantota, Ms. Lanka 2008, Beauty for a Cause was held for the 14th successive year, with much grandeur at the Ceylon Continental Hotel last Saturday. The contest got off to a glittering start as the twenty contestants came up the stage in cloth and jacket carrying pots of water signifying "plenty of good luck" walking in rhythmic steps.

The students of Technique International lit candles and let them float in a water-filled clay basin. Bandula Padmakumara, Chairman, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., graced the occasion as the chief guest while the Editor-in-Chief Sunday Observer and Daily News, Mr. Jayatilake de Silva was the guest of honour.

The other special guests were K. Kuthaveva - Chairman, Technique International (Pvt) Ltd., Upali Jayaratne, Managing Director - Sterling Flowers,

Chanaka Liyanage - Consultant ANCL, Prasanna Kulathunga - CEO - Max TV/Radio, Varuna Mallawarachchi - Manager, Advertising - ANCL, Kiran Atapattu, Advisor of the Ministry of Sports and Public Recreation, Mrs. Lucille Dahanyake - Chairperson - Hermes International, Ms. Ramya Weerakoon - Chairperson - Ramya Holdings and President SLWC, Dr. Upendra de Silva - Specialist Dermatologist, Krishan K. Senarathna - Director Marketing - Technique International, Mrs. Kumari Dissanayake - Manager H R Max TV & Radio, Mrs. Devika Rodrigo - Director Standard & Accreditation TVEC, Mrs. Kanthi Basnayake and Vipula Amerasinghe.

The organiser of Ms Lanka 2008 was Mrs. Gwendoline Kuthaveva. The eminent panel of judges

included Mrs. Ramya Weerakoon - Chairperson - Ramya Holdings & President SLWC, Chanaka Liyanage - Consultant, Advertising - ANCL, Upali Jayaratne - Managing Director - Sterling Flowers, Kiran Atapattu - Advisor to the Ministry of Sports and Public Recreation, Mrs. Lucille Dahanyake - Chairperson - Hermes International Ltd, Dr. Upendra de Silva - Specialist Dermatologist, Ms. Kumari Dissanayake - Manager H R Max TV & Radio Ms. Lanka 2008 -

Media sponsors were Sunday Observer, Max TV/Radio, Official florist - Sterling Flowers, Computer Facilities - Softlogic, Air Ticket - D. Holidays (Pvt) Ltd, Photography - Kasun Amarasinghe, Official designers - Melani Jayaweera, Choreography - Jith Peiris and Nirmala Dissanayake, Entertainment - Shayana and Shalini Seneviratne, Mary Peiris and Fashion Show by Chula Nanayakkara, Host-

ess - Aruni Wickramarachchi, Hair, Make-up and Dressing by - The Team at Technique International, The School of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy - Special coordinators - Geetha Kanakarathne and Nirmala Dissanayake, The Team - Mary Peiris, Bala Vithiya, Komathy Vasuthi, Lakshani Salgadoe, Richa Bhardwaj, Ruwanthi Gunasekera, Cathinka Dimitri, Charlene Irugalbandara, Anoma Fernandopulle, Eresha Mallawarachchi, Damika Goonewardena - and Chandima Handugama. Coordinators - Mrs. Kanthi Basnayake, Mrs. Srina Ranasinghe, Mrs. Lucille Dahanyake, Mrs. M. Jabeer, Mrs. Malkanthi Perera, Ms. Fathimath Muleeda Music - D.J. Indika

At this glamorous event Sanduni Tharaka was crowned as the Ms. Lanka 2008. First Runner-up was Ms. Kanchana Jayalath. The titles 2nd, 3rd and 4th Runner-ups were won by Ms. Deshani Gomes, Ms.

Dinusha Rajapaksa, Ms. Shereen Fernando respectively. Kanchana Jayalath was crowned as the Max Queen. Nilusha Sarojini bagged the Most Popular Contestant title as well as the mini-title Ms. Personality, while the other mini titles Ms. Catwalk, Ms. Talent, Ms. Body Beautiful, Ms. Designer, Ms. Beautiful Eyes and Ms. Crowning Glory were grabbed by Venojini Perera, Janali Shereen, Uddikka Mayomi, Melissa Crause and Chandanika Kumudini respectively.

Both Ms. Photogenic and Ms. Congeniality mini titles were won by Ann Veronica Candappa. Deshani Gomes became Ms. Elegance as well as Ms. Beautiful Eyes.

The grand finale of Ms. Lanka 2008 continued till 9.30 p.m. followed by a gala dinner for the winners, organisers and the guests.

Pix: Vipula Amerasinghe



Panel of judges



Ms. Lanka 2008 receives a gift pack from Mr. Ramya Weerakoon



Ms. Lanka 2008 being congratulated by Mrs. L.Janithi Jayaratne



Ms. Beautiful Eyes, Deshani Gomes receives a gift from Mr. Rangini De Alwis



Melissa Crause, Ms. Designer being sashed by Mr. Melani Jayaweera



Max Queen Kanchana Jayalath being crowned by Prasanna Kulathunga, CEO, Max TV and Radio



Ms. Lanka 2008 1st Runner Up Ms. Kanchana Jayalath being sashed by Upali Jayaratne



Ms. Lanka 2008 4th Runner Up Ms. Shereen Fernando receives the trophy from Kiran Atapattu



Ms. Crowning Glory, Ms. Chandanika Kumudini being sashed by Lakshani Salgado



Ms. Shamilia Sarathchandra gives away the trophy to Ms. Body Beautiful, Uddikka Mayomi



Ms. Elegance Ms. Deshani Gomes being sashed by Srina Ranasingha



Ms. Beautiful Smile Ms. Heesanthi Ediriweera being sashed by Ms. Geetha Kanakarathna



Kanchana receives a bouquet from Ms. Marini Gunewardena



Ms. Beautiful Smile Ms. Heesanthi Ediriweera being sashed by Ms. Geetha Kanakarathna



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