

Vintage Car Owners' Club

Drive for elders 2011



The vintages at the Taj

October 1 is dedicated internationally as the "World's Elders and Children's Day"

The Vintage Car Owners' Club (VCOC) marked this day together with the elders of the Gamini Matha Home for Elders, Colombo 2 and the Laxmi Children's Home of Walana, Seeduwa. The VCOC was joined by the Classic Car Owners Club, the Volkswagen Owners Club and the Mighty Mini Club of Sri Lanka. A procession of over 50 cars and

motorbikes, bus and lorry started near the SSC grounds, Maitland Crescent and drove up to the Elders Home in Colombo 2. They collected the elders and the children and proceeded to the Taj Samudra Hotel where the elders and children entertained their guests to a few song and dance items.

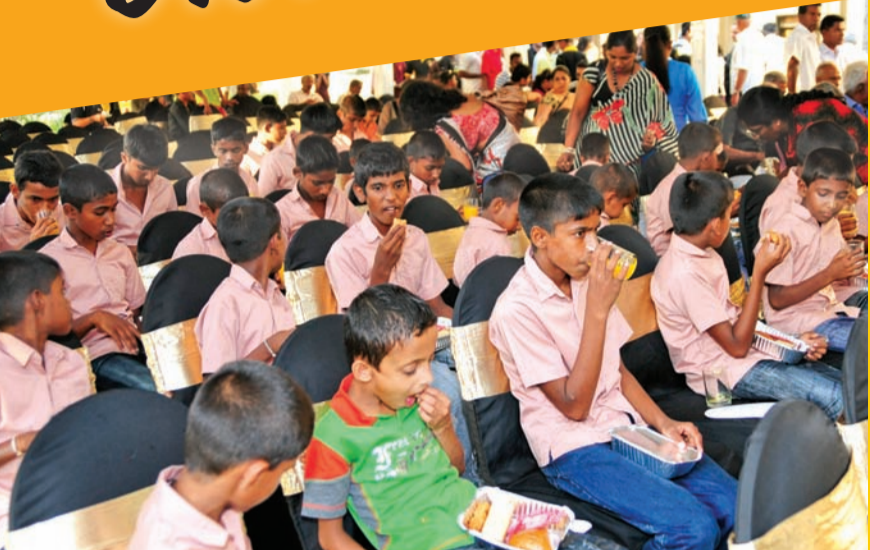
The Chairman, VCOC Farih Fausz, Chairman Organising Committee, Mahesh Mallawaratchi and on behalf of the Elders and

Children, President of the YMBA Suren Abeygoonesekara spoke at the function.

The Chairman of the organising committee Mahesh Mallawaratchi said the VCOC has over the past three years held the charity event. The purpose was to draw the attention of Sri Lankans and the people the world over to the welfare of elders and children. The VCOC hosted the elders, children, the members of the VCOC and guests to a tea

party at the Taj Samudra. Thereafter, the elders and children were given gifts in cash and kind by well-wishers.

This event was assisted by Colombo Traffic Police headed by Director Chula de Silva, the General Manager and staff of the Taj Samudra Hotel, the ANCL Group of Newspapers, Sirasa TV, photographer Roshan Donesha, the management and staff of the two homes, and the vehicle owners by their participation.



The kids at the Taj



A helping hand to an elderly citizen



The classic Bikes



The cars at the Taj



Suren Abeygoonesekara speaking at the function



Gifts for children



Hatim Akberally making a presentation



At the Taj



The elders enjoying tea at the Taj