

Fashions move to centre stage



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Time flies fast. Next Sunday, November 27 all 25 contestants who were selected for the semi-final will be again 'suffering nerves' when they present themselves with their relevant outfits and their models who will display their creations for the evaluation of the judges. This will be judgement day for some. Because a short listing will take place and contestants whom Lady Luck favours will be fortunate to

move into the final to be centre stage at the pageant on January 15, 2012. Ceylon Continental will host the colourful pageant and the presenters will be happy to see you being a part of the show.

Part proceeds from this glittering show will be donated to the Sri Lankadhara Society to build classrooms for pre-school students. If you wish to make a contribution to the Sri Lankadhara Society please contact Princy Butani the Presenter on 7 7 3 5 2 7 0 9 0 / 0778127960/078702448.



Keshini Nanayakkara

A science student at Ladies College, Keshini wants to be a doctor. Fashion she says, "is a hobby. I enjoy it. I find it very relaxing. It gives me free way to express my creativity. My mother is very supportive. She encouraged me to apply for the contest. I was given the categories - office wear, swim wear and evening glamour. I design cos-

tumes for the Performing Arts group and I like using colours with plain designs". Keshini Nanayakkara joined the contest because she wanted to display her talents. "If I were to win, I would definitely do fashion as a side line, create costumes and evening glamour wear".



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Thakshila Perera

Working at a bank and dabbling with cash, cheques and computer summaries is a far cry from designing clothes for females. But to Thakshila working at the Standard Chartered Bank fashion designing is a hobby and she enjoys creating styles. "As a hobby I keep on drawing and I do my own designing. What I look for in clothes is elegance and comfort and I advocate simplicity and elegance for others also. The younger generation today, they go for simple styles and they should dress

according to the event especially the time of the day. My selections decided by the judges are swim wear, office wear and smart casual wear. I have ideas of making my swim wear sexy! Actually taking part in this competition is like a dream. I'm talking like a child. When I was young I used to think that I wanted to be a banker and a fashion designer. A fashion designer to collect funds for children's causes. My parents they are both supportive of my enthusiasm in this venture.



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Thivanka Subasinghe

Confident of winning the contest, Thivanka is keen on going to Australia or the UK and acquiring a degree in fashion. "At present I have a diploma from LIFT International and I am working as an Assistant Designer at Eskimo Fashion Knit Wear at Kadirana, Negombo. When I come back from abroad after qualifying I hope to open my own fashion house and my own label."

A former student of St. Paul's, Milagiriya, Thivanka is happy that there is a competition such as this. Her sections given by the judges were saree, lingerie and swim wear, although she prefers casual and evening wear. "I cut and sew outfits and I enjoy hand painting and bead work and I have a lot of support from my parents and my sister-in-law."



Dilum Sachindra

A past student of Kingwood College and Dharmaraja College, Kandy, Dilum after his A/L joined Felu German Academy, Nugegoda and gained a diploma in fashion designing. He's happy to participate in this contest. "It gives us the youth the opportunity and another avenue for us to shine. I'd like my designs to be displayed along with other foreign designs. If I win this contest, like what the others have said, I hope to open a fashion house. My sections to work on, given by judges, are office wear, swim wear and evening wear."



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