



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson of Shramashakthi Organisation, and Lakvanitha Peramuna, Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage organised a ceremony to distribute spectacles and chairs to the needy in the Hiddawulla area in Udu-Nuwara, Kandy recently. Here Mrs. Kongahage presents a pair of spectacles to the Udugampitiya Viharastana Ven. Wathupola Wangeswara Thera and Hiddawulla Eksath Maranadara Samithiya. Chairman H.M. Punchibanda looks on.



A commemoration ceremony organised by Saviya Development Foundation was held at Sangamitta Girls' School, Galle to mark World Diabetes Day 2011. A spectacles presentation campaign organised by the Aroggya Foundation was also held. Here Holland Sri Devamitta Thera puts on pair on recipient. The Executive Director of the Foundation Ven. Unapane Ariyadhamma Thera was also present. Pic:Wehelle Piyathilake , Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Matara Samadhi Community Development Foundation launched the Samadhi Kekulu Suwasetha, a project to distribute teaching aids worth over Rs. 21 million among 700 pre-schools in the Matara district. Here UNP deputy leader, Sajith Premadasa presents the first kit to a pre-school teacher. Matara district Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana looks on.



A ceremony organised by the Matara District *Ranaviru Sanda-daya* and the Pan Asia Bank to felicitate Ranaviru families was held at the Matara District Secretariat auditorium recently. Here the chief guest Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma speaks to the widow of a soldier, after presenting her with a gift. Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Corr.



Dry rations were distributed among pregnant mothers at Demanhandiya in the Katana electorate by Mrs. Pushpa Rajapaksa. Here Dr. (Mrs) Sudharshani Fernandopulle MP for Gampaha district looks on. Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Coconut saplings were distributed free under the Divinaguma program at a ceremony at the Napawala Grama Niladhari division, Dehiowita recently. Here Napawala Grama Niladhari, Nilani Hettiarachchi presents coconut saplings to the beneficiaries.



The *Welanda Sulanga*, a musical extravaganza will go on stage on Saturday, December 17 at the Basilica Stadium, Ragama from 7.00 p.m. to mark the fifth anniversary of Ragama Velanda Sangamaya. Here the Chairman of the Sangamaya Saman Krishantha addresses the media. Secretary T. J. Nalawansa, Organising Committee Chairman Anil Siriwardene and other committee members are also in the picture.



A CD titled Arulmalai Geeth recorded by the Arulmigu Sri Maha Bathra Kali Amman Kovil Paradise Place, Armour Street, Colombo was launched at the Hotel Brighton Rest last week. Here a copy of the CD is being presented by the Trustees Board members D. Eswaran and K. Duraisamy to social worker K. Selvarajah while the chief trustee, M. Nallathamby looks on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The carol service, "Darkness to light" was held at the Presbyterian Church, Kandy recently, organised by the Young Men's Christian Association, Kandy. (YMCA). Pic: Ariyawansa Jayaweera, Kandy Spl. Cor.



Industrial Development Minister Al-Haj Rishard Bathiudeen called on the Managing Director of International Agriculture and Food Investment company of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Al-Zamil in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia recently. Asseyyed Abdul Cader Mashoor Moulana the Ccoordinating Secretary the President is also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Religious books titled Thirumoolar were distributed among the Hindu kovils and societies at the Colombo Tamil Sangam recently, organised by the Hindu Religious Arts and Cultural Development Foundation, Wellawatte. Here the first lot is being presented to the chief trustee of the Sri Ponnambalam waneswarar Kovil, Colombo 13, D.M. Swaminathan by the Secretary Siva Subramaniam , President S. Thirugnanasampanthar looks on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The website launch ceremony of the Wekanda Jumma Masjid, Colombo was held at the Masjid premises recently. Here the chief guest, Ambassador of Indonesia in Sri Lanka, Djafar Husein launches the website. Malaysian High Commission Third Secretary Azizul Hakeem, Pakistan High Commission First Secretary Amir Inayat, Masjid chief Imam Moulavi Muzni Ameer, President Basheer Latiff, Trustee Nazeer Latiff and Ash Sheik Arkam Noor Amith were present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Ship Suppliers Association (SLSSA) was held at the Galadari Hotel recently. Here the guest of honour, Managing Director of Sri Lanka Ports Authority Capt Nihal Keppetipola, is being welcomed by the organisers. From left: J.M. Faiz, Secretary, SLSSA, Kabir Ishak, Vice Chairman, SLSSA, Harbour - Master, Sri Lanka Ports Authority Capt. Ravindra Jayawickrema, Chairman, SLSSA Samson C. De Silva, Board Members Mahinda Bandara, Joe Gunaratne and Eric Cooray, Treasurer, SLSSA, Roy Ratnas-ekera are also in the picture. Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Janashakthi Insurance opened its 104th branch in Minuwangoda recently. Here the Business Promotion Sales Supervisor S.B. Hettige does the first transaction with chief guest, General Manager (Sales and Marketing) Mrs. Shehara de Silva. Deputy General Manager Graham Labrooy looks on. Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulpitiya Gr. Corr.



The sixty - fourth social community project of the Lucky Lanka Social Development Service was held at the Miriswatta Fern Shed Reception Hall recently. Here the founder, Katunayake Airport Terminal Superintendent Dr. Lakshman Ariyaratne and Mrs. Chandani Ariyaratne with a wheel-chair and the beneficiary. Gampaha Civil Appeal High Court Judge Saman Wickramarachchi and Mrs. Wickramarachchi were also present. Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage



The Hajiam Fouziya Jabir prayer hall, a new principal's office and the renovated school library were opened by the chief guest, former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of Chinafort Mosque Committee Al-Haj Noufer S. Jabie recently. Hajiani Ms. Rafeeka Nalem, wife of the late M.I.M. Nalem Hajjar and Founder of Jamuah Naluma and the Principal Ms. N. Haleems Najibdeen look on. Pic: Beruwala Spl. Cor. - B.M. Mukthar



The YMCA Colombo held its Christmas carols recently. Bishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj R. Canagasabay delivered the Christmas message. Pic: Sudam Gunasinghe

## EVENTS

### Carols at Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in English, Sinhala and Tamil will be held at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7, on Sunday, December 18 at 6 pm. It is open to the public.

### MEPS felicitation ceremony today

The Muslim Education Progressive Society (MEPS) has organised a felicitation ceremony for GCE O/L students who had obtained nine As at the 2010 Examination at Zahira college, today at 9.30 a.m. South Eastern University Chancellor Prof. A.M. Ishaque will be the chief guest while SLBC Muslim Service Presidential Advisor Justice M.M.A. Gaffoor and Zahira College Principal M.H.M. Jiffry will be the guests of honour. University of Colombo lecturer M.M.M. Sabry will be the special guest and Muslim Ladies College Principal Dr. Mrs. Hajarjahan Mansoor will be the guest speaker.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Where are we going?' and 'Observing ourselves' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery Hall, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

### Gee Vessak at Ananda on Dec 17

*Gee Vessak*, a musical extravaganza will the participation of artistes T.M. Jayaratne, Sunil Edirisinghe, Deepika Priyadarshani, Kasun Kalhara and Mithra Kapuge will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 6.30 p.m. at the Kularatne Hall, Ananda College, Colombo with music by Suresh Maliyadda and script by Bandula Nanayakkarawasm. The event is organised by the College Badminton Association to promote the sport.

### Activity camp for children

Busy Hands, an activity camp for children with special needs will be held from December 12 to 17 at the Park Street Mews. Interactive story-telling sessions, pottery painting, gardening, singing, children's cookery, dancing and games are some of the items on the agenda. Authors, educators, vocalists, speech therapists and language therapists will supervise the camp along with the children's parents.

### Annual get-together

The annual get-together of the Old Hardians' Association will be held at the Evan A. Hardy Centre Ratmalana on December 17 at 7.00 p.m.

### Confab on Buddhist studies

The seventh Annual National Conference on Buddhist Studies organised by the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, in association with the Buddhist Times Trust will be held on Saturday, December 18 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenapura. Ven. Professor Ittademaleye Indasara Thera, Vice Chancellor, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka will be the chief guest. The inaugural address, 'Pali Philology: A Way Forward for Buddhist Studies in Sri Lanka' will be delivered by Prof. G.A. Somaratne, Rector, Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA), Co-director, Dhammachai Tipitaka Project, Thailand. It is open to the public.

### Car Boot Sale on Dec 17

The Nalanda OBA Batch of '80 will hold a car boot sale at Subuthipura grounds, Battaramulla (behind Arpico Supercentre) on December 17 from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm organised by Lt. Col. Chandana Weerakoon. Entrance is free and the proceeds will be in aid of new constructions of the College.

### Gem Exhibition on Dec 17, 18

The Gemmologists Association of Sri Lanka (GASL), the only professional organisation in the gem trade will hold its annual Gem Exhibition Jewels 2011 on December 17 and 18 at the BMICH. There will be competitions to select the Best Cut Gemstone, Gem Studded Jewellery Crystal and Gemmological photograph, said, President of the Gemmologists Association of Sri Lanka, Ruzwan Kamil. The main attraction of the show is that every visitor will be a proud owner of a valuable gemstone with the purchase of the entrance ticket for Rs. 100.

### Housewives annual X'mas party

The Sri Lanka Housewives' Association will hold its annual Christmas party and get-together on December 15 at 2 pm. at the Public Library auditorium.

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