



The JICA Alumni Association of Sri Lanka organised a Bodhi pooja and pirth ceremony at the Gangaramaya, Colombo 2, to invoke blessings on His Majesty Akihito, Emperor of Japan on his 78th birthday. Here the Ambassador of Japan Nobuhito Nobo at the religious ceremony with Mrs. Nobo and office-bearers of the Association.



Nada-Ninada, a presentation by the staff of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development was held at the Sausiripaya auditorium, Colombo under the patronage of popular songstress Pradeepa Dharmadasa recently. Artistes who had excelled in singing, dancing and drama received awards. Here a winner receives her award from Dharmadasa. Minister Dullas Alahapperuma and Ministry Secretary S.S. Hewapathirana were also present.



A ceremony was held recently at Al Humaisara National School, China Fort Beruwala to felicitate media personnel in the Kalutara district. Here Lake House Editorial Director Seelarathne Senarath drapes a shawl around senior journalist B.M. Mukthar. Chief Editor of Vaaramanjari, Jaffna Thinakaran T. Senthilvelavar looks on. Pic: Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Two-hundred-and-eighty four persons were recruited to the Western Province Management Assistant Service Grade III. Here a new recruit receives her letter of appointment from Western Province Governor Alavi Moulana and the Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. Provincial Councillor Gamini Thilakasiri, WPC Chairman, Sunil Wijeratne and Western Province Deputy Chief Secretary Chandrika Rupasinghe are also in the picture. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The launch of the book *Nihanda Meheewara*, written by former Director of Special Education K. Piyasena Perera was held at the National Library and the Documentation Services Board auditorium recently. Here Piyasena presents the first copy to Education Minister Bandula Gunawardane.



A shelter for passengers was constructed near the Kotuwegoda bridge along the Rajagiriya, Butthomuwa Road to mark the 15th death anniversary of Ranaviru Iresha Nilmini, the first woman soldier killed in action. It was sponsored by her father C. De. Z. Edward. Here Vikum Hansaji, a student of Butthomuwa pre-school opens the shelter while her father looks on.



Western Provincial Councillor and Founder of *Pragna Pradeepa* concept, Jayantha de Silva who was instrumental in the laying of new pipelines along Kent Road, Dematagoda paid a visit to the area recently. Here Silva inspects a manhole.



The Mayor of Kalmunai Municipal Council and an old boy of Kalmunai Zahira College, Dr. Siraz Meerashib was honoured by the College students and staff recently. Here the Principal M.M. Ismail drapes a shawl with the College flag on the the Mayor. Zonal Director of Education, Kalmunai, M.T.A. Thowfeek is also in the picture. Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The Zonal Education Office in Chavakachcheri, at a cost of Rs 25 million was opened by the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils Indika Bandaranayake recently. Ruwan Manamendra, Co-ordinating Officer and Silva, Parliamentary Affairs Secretary are also in the picture. Pic: S.M. Wijeratne, Kurunegala Cor.



A new community hall in Maguruwela built with funds provided by the Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha was opened recently. Here an elder of the area opens the hall while the Western Provincial Councillor Lalith Warnakumara, Chairman Yamith Chandana look on. Member Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Priyantha Rathnasekara and Secretary, P.J. Anoma were also present. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The launch of organic fertiliser produced by the Municipal Council of Akkaraipattu for residents of Akkaraipattu was held at Athaullah Arangam, Akkaraipattu recently, with Minister of Local Government and Provincial Council A.L. Athaullah as chief guest. Here the Project Manager of ERP - UNOPS, Celia V. Marquez hands over a packet of fertiliser to the Research Officer of the Agriculture Department Y.B. Iqbal while Minister Athaullah, Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie, Deputy Mayor M.M. Rizam and Special Commissioner of the Council Y.M. Saleem look on. The project was funded by the European Union and implemented by UNOPS in coordination with the local authorities of the Ampara district. Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Road development work at Yatiyana Handiya at Siyambalapatiya was launched recently, with the Rs. 37 million allocated by Economic Development Ministry. Here Parliamentary Ruwan Ranatunga, Vice Chairman of Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha, Sujeewa Sampath and Provincial Councillor Lionel Jayasinghe commence the project. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



Sri Lanka's largest bicycle assembly plant, the BSH Ventures was opened recently by the Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal. Here the Governor inspects one of the new products. Managing Director of BSH Ventures Jeyam Perumal was also present. Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage



Sathuta Builders (Pvt) Ltd. won the prestigious "National Award for Construction Excellence 2011" recently. Here the Chairman Sunil Rathnayake receives the award from Minister of Construction Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Wimal Weerawansa. Deputy Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanna and Chairman of ICTAD Udula Bandara Awsadahanay look on. Pic: Sugath Narayana



Deputy Minister of Economic Development Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena toured the Panduwasnuwara area recently with Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils who is also the chief organiser of SLP for Panduwasnuwara. Here a differently-abled person receives a cash donation from Emal Priyantha Herath, Chairman of Panduwasnuwara PS while the Deputy Ministers look on. Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.



Secretary General, Ithihaadu Ahlissunathi wal Jamaa - Athi, Dr. Fahmy Ismail distributed the Holy Quran to Jiffrey Thackiya at Eravur recently. Here Dr. Ismail hands over a parcel to S. Ali Zahir Moulana, Chairman, Urban Council Eravur Jiffrey Thackiya Trustees are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The launch of Tamil poetry book, *Manitha Enigal* (Human ladder), authored by veteran novelist Kala Vishvanathan was held at the Kalasurabi Education Centre Hall, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Kotahena recently, organised by the Tamil Literary Forum, Colombo. Here Dr. Thassin Ahamed (left) presents a copy to veteran poet Ganesh Dharmalingam while the author and Advisor A. Jeyakumar looks on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The foundation stone was laid by the Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane and the Provincial Minister Upali Kodikara for the proposed supermarket complex of the Maharagama M.P.C.S. at Udahamulla recently. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate present and former provincial correspondents in the Kalutara district, of the Lake House Group of newspapers and a meeting of the Thinakaran Readers Club in Beruwala was held at the Al-Humaisara National School, Beruwala recently. Here parliamentarian Al-Haj A.H.M. Azwar addresses the gathering. Lake House Editorial Director Seelarathne Senarath, Editor Thinakaran Varamanjari, T. Senthil Velaver, News Editor Visu Karunanidhi and M.A.M. Aroos are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The pupils of the Ramakrishna Saratha Mission, Colombo present a devotional song at the Swamy Vivekananda's 150th birthday celebrations at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena recently organised by the Vivekananda Society, Colombo. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



An English magazine titled *Sathyam* published by the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre, Colombo to mark Baghavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 86th birth anniversary was launched at the Sai Shrine, New Chetty Street, Kotahena, recently. Here the Chief Trustee of the Sai Centre S. Sivasubramanian presents a copy to an official of the Presidential Secretariat, Hemasiri Jayalath. President, Sai Centre, S. N. Udayanayahan and Media Secretary S. Rajajothy are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran

## EVENTS

### Abhidhamma class

An elementary Abhidhamma class for beginners will commence from February 1 and will be held every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Y.M.B.A. Hall, Dehiwala. It will be conducted by Thripitakacharya H.W. Nandasena.

### Krishnamurti talk

A public talk on "Is there security in the self?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

### Maha Kumbabhishekam today

The Maha Kumbabhishekam of Sri Vihaka Vinayagar temple built at Hindu College, Colombo will be held today from 9.01 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. The chief priest of Bambalapitiya Sri Manikka Vinayagar temple *Sivacharyamani Sivasri* P. Sitsabasha Kurukal will perform the poojas and rituals.

### Blood donation on Feb 1

The annual blood donation campaign of the Sri Lanka Law College to mark the 60th anniversary of the Law Students' Buddhist Brotherhood will be held on February 1 from 9 a.m. in the main hall of the College.

### AGM of Pushpadana Girls' OGA

The Colombo branch of the Old Girls' Association of Pushpadana Girls' College, Kandy will hold its 21st Annual General Meeting today, from 10.30 am onwards at BRC Club House, Havelock Road, Colombo 5.

### 'Glamouro 2012' on Feb 2

The "Glamouro 2012", the annual event where newcomers exhibit their talents, organised by the Uva-Wellassa University (UWU) will be held on February 2 at the University premises in Badulla.

## OFFICE-BEARERS

### Ceylonese Rugby and Football Club

**President:** Rienzie Fernando  
**Deputy President:** Christopher Jordashe  
**General Secretary:** Hamza Hassanally  
**Treasurer:** Saneth Gamage  
**Vice President:** Thushara Weerasooriya  
**Bar Secretary:** Chandima Perera  
**Chairman (Sponsorship):** Roshan Tissera  
**Past President:** Jehan CanagaRetna  
**Chairman (Other games):** Ransiri Sahabandu  
**Honorary Life Member:** Tissa Molligoda  
**Social Secretary:** Bonnie Perera  
**Rugby Board:** Sean Dwight (Chairman), Dr. Indrajit Coomarswamy, Dr. Tony De Silva, Chirantha De Zoysa and Ashan Ratwatte

### Muslim Women's Social League (Sri Lanka)

**Patrons:** Ms. Hanifa Mowlana, Ms. Saniya Careem, Ms. Dolly Gallely  
**President:** Ms. Qadrunnissa Nazeer Sangani  
**Vice Presidents:** Ms. Najma Karim, Ms. Rathan Carimjee  
**Secretary:** Ms. Farida Sherifudeen  
**Treasurer:** Ms. Sakina Mansoor  
**Committee:** Ms. Jena Haji Sathar, Ms. Khadeja Munas, Ms. Shama Husein, Ms. Marliya Sideek, Ms. Ayesha Maharouf, Ms. Kaneeza Abdulla



The members of the Ithihaadu Ahlis Sunnathi Waljamaa-athi Association visited Kattankudy Badriya Jumma Masjid recently. Here Kaleefathus Shazuli Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji) conducts special Dua prayers. Kaleefathus Shazuli Moulavi M.S.M. Istikhar (Bari), Dr. Fahmy Ismail, Secretary General of the Association are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



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