



Matara District Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana participated in a book donation program organised by the Matara Samadhi Community Development Foundation supported by L. M. Jinasena Co., for needy children in the Matara district. Around 250 children benefited. Here Pathirana MP and other guests are present stationery to one of the students of Rahula College.



The newly constructed Jambudvipa-Sri Lanka Buddhist temple by the Indo-Sri Lanka International Buddhist Association, Sarnath, where the Buddha preached His first sermon, held its formation ceremony recently. Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India was the chief guest. From left: Kaushalendra Singh, Mayor of Varanasi, Shri Ravindra, District Magistrate, Varanasi, Ven. Dr. Kahawatte Siri Sumedha Thera, High Priest of the Jambudvipa-Sri Lanka Buddhist temple and President of the Indo-Sri Lanka International Buddhist Association, Prasad Kariyawasam, Palitha Ganegoda, Former Deputy High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India, Kapila Chandasena, Director/ Chief Executive Officer, Mihin Lanka and W.M.T.B. Dissanayake, President YMBA Kurunegala.



Veteran author, translator and a senior manager of Bank of Ceylon, Madulugiriye Wijeratne was awarded an honorary title by the University of Madras, after the conclusion of the two-day International Buddhist Conference at the University and the service he rendered in propagating the Dhamma in Tamil in the electronic media. Here Wijeratne receives the plaque from the Head of the Department of Buddhist and Jain Education, Prof. Priyadarshani Jain of the Madras University. Ven. Dr. Madurai Budhipal Thera and Dr. K. Madawan look on.



The newly-built MDK Private Hospital in Horana town owned by MDK Food Products Co., at a cost of Rs. 500 million was opened by Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Minister Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka. Minister of Health, Maitreepala Sirisena, Provincial Minister of Health, Jagath Angage and Horana UNP Organiser, Ravi Jayawardana were also present. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Technology and Research Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi laid the foundation stone for the four-storied building at the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies at Katubedda recently. Here she inspects the ground plan with the engineers. The Chairman of the Institute Prof. Lalith Gamage, Chief Executive Officer, Sanath Panawannage and the Media Officer Chintana Wijewardane were also present. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The concreting of the road leading to Kapuvelikanda village in the Napawala Grama Niladhari Division of the Dehiwita Divisional Secretariat commenced recently with monetary allocations of the Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology Ranjith Siyambalapatiya, on a request by the public and the Grama Niladhari Nalini Hettiarachchi. Here Mrs. Hettiarachchi inaugurates the work while the Coordinating Secretary to the Minister Vikum Ananda and the residents look on.



The plant nursery at the Range Forest Office, Ingiriya with 4,000 plants will adorn the Southern Expressway, between Bandaragama and Kottawa on the right hand side. Here the Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests, P. M. A. de Silva, Kalutara District Forest Officer, Padma Abeykoon, Assistant Director, Road Development Authority, H. M. Wimalasingha and other officers on a visit to the nursery. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Transport Minister Kumara Welgama along with Western Provincial Councillor Vikum Gunasekara open the Kalutara branch of the National Transport Medical Institute (NTMS) in Kalutara recently. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



Ummu Zavaya Masjid, Colombo organised the 109th annual Shamaaili Muhammadiya Thamam to mark Prophet Muhammad's Birthday at the Masjid premises recently. Here Kalefathush Shazuli Moulavi J. Abdul Hamedd (Bahji) addresses the gathering. Moulana Murushid Bawa, Mahlarathul Qadhiyari Arabic College, South India, Lecturer As Seyyed Haafiz Abdur Rahman Alim, Colombo Grand Mosque Imam Moulavi M.S.M. Thasleem and A.H.M. Azwer MP were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The National Council of YMMA, Maligawatte organised the Members' Night and awards ceremony at the S. B. C. Thassim Reception Hall, YMMA Headquarters recently. Here the Past President of the YMMA, S. B. C. Thassim receives the recognition award from the chief guest, Western Provincial Councillor Nawzer Fowzie a National President M. M. Mohamed looks on. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A donation of gas cookers to members of the Raigam Estate Worker Housing Co-operative Society, organised by the Senior Manager, Raigam Estate, Udara Pallegge and his staff, was held at the estate recently. Here Assistant Manager, Anuruddha Rathnayaka presents a cooker to a member. Assistant Managers Tharanga Swarnajith, Amila Randika and other staffers are also in the picture. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A shramadana campaign was launched in the Kalutara Public Library premises on Independence Day organised by the Kalutara Public Library Readers' Club under the instructions of the Chief Librarian Mrs. Koshali Ranasinghe and the Chairman of the Kalutara Urban Council M.M.M. Jauffer. Here Mrs. Ranasinghe and Jauffer plant a sapling, to mark the National Independence Day. Members of the Readers' Club of Kalutara Public Library look on. Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara CDN Cor.



The launch of the Tamil astrology book, 2012 Unkalukku Eppadi? (How is the year 2012 to you?) was held at the Amman Kovil, Kadirana, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 recently. Here a well-known social worker R. K. Govindasamy (right) receives a copy from the author, Astrologer S. M. Visvanathan. R. Amarasekaran and Mrs. Subathra Rajendran look on. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



A special Hindu religious ceremony *Ayushya Homam* yagna pooja program to invoke blessings on the country and its people was held at the Sri Radhakrishna Kovil, New Chetty Street, Kotahena, Colombo 13. The event was organised by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Shriman Rohit Das Swamikal of Chennai, South India Members of the Kovil trustees participated. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Inter-School Invitation Futsal Football tournament organised by the Group 80 of Hameed Al Husseinie College, Colombo 12 was held at the Sugathadasa Stadium Junior Grounds recently. Lumbini College, Colombo clinched the championship. Here the champion team with the officials. The chief guest Dr. Manil Fernando, Secretary, All Ceylon School Football Association, Upali Silva, Principal Hameed Al Husseinie College, M. J. M. Mansoor, President 80s Group M. H. M. Iqbal and Secretary, H. A. H. Munawar are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



A donor of Teppanawa in Kuruwita, for the eleventh year in succession presented two mini-tractor loads of dried medicinal herbs and potted medicinal plants to the Pussella Ayurveda Hospital recently. Here Sabaragamuwa Ayurveda Commissioner, Nalinie Amarasinghe, presents a 'Certificate of Honour' to the donor, K. Surangana. Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A *veena* musical program by Sangeetha Vithwan N. S. Vaseegana, a pupil of Mrs. Sugandhi Rajakulendra was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here the event is in progress. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



Healthcare professionals of the Stroke Unit, National Hospital of Sri Lanka were felicitated for their contribution to improve strokecare islandwide under the motto "Bringing Light to Darkness", at the 11th Annual General Meeting of the National Stroke Association of Sri Lanka. Dr. Padma Gunaratne (President) and Dr. Harsha Gunasekera (Secretary) are also in the picture.



A dance recital, *Kalai Amutham* presented by the dance troupe of the Kalai Kanapathy Natiyanjali Dance School, Wattala was held at the Town Hall, Wattala recently. Here the troupe with the dance tutor, Miss K. Thanalechumi. Pic: A. Maduraveeran

EVENTS

Krishnamurthi talk

A recorded public talk on "What is supreme intelligence?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurthi will be replayed at Anula Nursery School, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurthi Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Kingston College sports meet

Kingston College International (KCI) (Mutwal branch) will hold its annual sports meet on February 14 at 2.00 p.m. at the Sugathadasa Outdoor Stadium. The very first student of Kingston College, Thangarajah Prasaad, Member of Ambagamuva Pradeshiya Sabha and Secretary of the Upcountry Youth Front will be the chief guest.

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The induction of Dr. Philomena Chandrasiri as President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists for 2011/12 took place recently. Here Dr. Pranitha Somaratne (left) the outgoing President greets Dr. Philomena Chandrasiri soon after the ceremony.



Transport Minister Kumara Welgama presents the salary adjustment letter to a staffer of the Sri Lanka Railway Technical Service at the Ministry auditorium. General Manager of the Railway, B.A.P. Ariyaratne is also in the picture. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Short Films and Documentary Films Festival "Cinematic Harvest 2011" conducted by the National Youth Services Council and the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry was held recently at the Tharanganie Theatre, State Film Corporation, Colombo 7. Here the master creators with their awards (left) Saminda Attanayake (Documentary) and Anoma Weerasekera (Short Film). Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

Supiri Mal Dakma

The Professional Plant Growers' Association will hold the *Supiri Mal Dakma* exhibition and plants sale at Diyawanna Oya Park, Battaramulla (Opposite Parliament roundabout) from February 17 - 19 from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

