

# COMMUNITY



Moulavi A.L.M. Ibrahim presents the maiden copy of the Sinhala translation of the Al-Quran to Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne at a function at the BMICH recently. Moulavi A.L.M. Ibrahim, Islamic Campus Director Dr. M.A.M. Shukri, Sri Lanka Jama'ath E. Islam and President Rasheed Hajul Akbar are also in this picture.  
Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela, Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



A Gini Pooja (Fire-offering ceremony) was held in Kyoto, Japan by the Founder and Chief Incumbent of Agonsu Viharaya, Most Ven. Sayu Kiriya Mostuew for world peace. Here the High Priest is being carried to the venue. Director, Sri Lanka Agonsu Friendship Trust, Somasiri Addarage Pathirana, Deputy Minister of State Administration and Internal Affairs Vijaya Dahanayake were also present.  
Pic: Saman Sri Wedage



The Matara Samadhi Community Development Foundation launched the project Digu Jana Bala, to provide relief measures to senior citizens. Here Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana presents a gift to the Kapugama Madyama elders' organisation. Opposition Leader of Dondra Pradeshia Sabha Thushara Wijesuriya is also in the picture.



A workshop on 'Avoiding Road Accidents' was held recently at the Army Holiday Resort, Wadduwa. Here Minister of Transport Kumara Welgama addresses the gathering. Senior Minister P. Dayaratne also participated.  
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



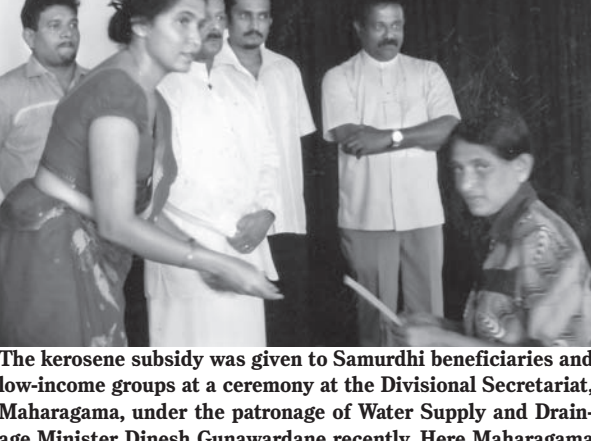
Commander of the Australian Federal Police F.C. Drennan greets the Inspector General of Police N.K. Illangakoon after presenting a memento at the Police Headquarters recently.  
Pic: Kalutara Gr. Cor. Divakara Mohotti



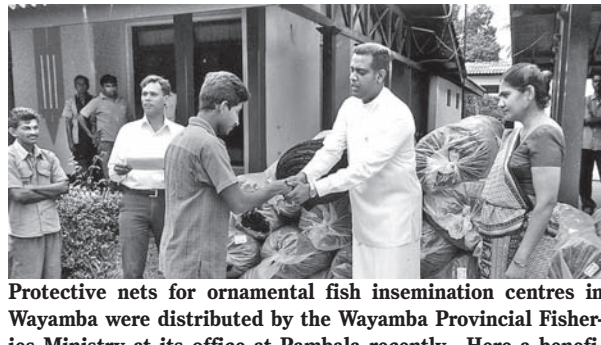
A title-deed donation for gold medal winners of the Asian Beach Sport competition was held at Divisional Secretariat, Horana on an initiative by Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities, Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka. Here the Minister presents a trophy along with the deed to G. Haritha Sisi Kalum. Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Asoka Ranathunga, Horana Divisional Secretariat, Nishanthi Jayasingha and officials participated.  
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



An English book titled Malayaga Tamils Power - Sharing and Local Democracy in Sri Lanka, authored by up-country veteran novelist A. Lawrence was launched at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara presents the maiden copy to Charitha Ratwatta while the author looks on.  
Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The kerosene subsidy was given to Samurdhi beneficiaries and low-income groups at a ceremony at the Divisional Secretariat, Maharagama, under the patronage of Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane recently. Here Maharagama Divisional Secretary Mrs. Buddhi Tharanga Karunasena presents a subsidy voucher to a beneficiary. Minister Gunawardane, Provincial Councillor Salochana Gamage, UC Member Nishantha Wimalachandra and Thilak Weerasinghe are in the picture.  
Pic: Wehella Piyathilke, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Protective nets for ornamental fish insemination centres in Wayamba were distributed by the Wayamba Provincial Fisheries Ministry at its office at Pambala recently. Here a beneficiary receives his nets from Wayamba Provincial Fisheries Minister Sanath Nishantha Perera. Ministry Secretary Kumari Weerasekera and Provincial Fisheries Director Suraj Sirisena were also present.  
Pic: W. C. B. Fernando, Puttalam Gr. Cor.



His Holiness Sheikh M. Abdulla (Jamali) from India visited the Abrar Mosque, Maradana, Beruwala recently. Al-Haj Advocate M.A.M. Hanafi, M. Mazahim Mohamed, former Chairman UC, Beruwala, Dr. M.H.M. Marjah, Dr. Fasihul Lisan and Moulavi M.J.M. Faslan are also in the picture.  
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



High Court Judge K. Sripavan unveiled the former office-bearers' list on name board of the Colombo Hindu Educational Society at Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Society President S. Ramachandran, Secretary, Kandiah Neelakandan, Justice K. Sriskandarajah, Vice President, All Ceylon Hindu Congress Sinnadurai Dhanabala and the Society members are also in the picture.  
Pic: A. Maduraveeran



Dry rations and fishing gear worth Rs. 2.5 million were presented to fishermen in Kalpitiya by the SLFP Chief Organiser for Kalpitiya and Puttalam district Parliamentarian Victor Anthony, at a function recently.  
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Al Madrasathul Fasiyathul Shazuliya, Thotawatta, Panadura organised a Mowlood Thamam to mark Prophet Mohamed's birthday at AlFahria Central College, Panadura, under the patronage of Katheeb Moulavi Rizkan Mohamed. Moulavi M.S.M. Safras is also in the picture.  
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A carnatic music program, organised by the Alabana Sangeetha Sabha was held at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte. Here Selvi Perumal Devar Nalini presents a recital with the accompaniment of miruthangam.  
Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The Kalutara branch of the Government Pensioners' Association came first among all the districts. Here Government Agent Kalutara B. H. L. Wimalasiri Perera presents a plaque to the District Secretary Tilak Berugoda, while S. R. Liyanage, Chairman of the Trust Fund looks on.  
Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



The All Ceylon YMMA Conference organised Prophet Muhammad's Birthday, Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations at the Dr. A.M.A. Azeez auditorium, YMMA Headquarters Colombo recently. Here the guest speaker, lecturer of the Mahlarathul Qadhiya, Arabic College, South India, As Seyyed Haafiz Abdur Rahman Alim with Past President Kalid M. Farook, Vice President K.N. Deen, Religious Committee Chairman Fawzan Anver, Patron, Cader M. Ali and Secretary Faizal Jifry at prayers.  
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The annual blood donation campaign organised by Work Wear Lanka (Pvt.) Ltd., in the Biyagama Free Trade Zone was held at the company premises recently. Here a nurse examines a donor. The Company Operations Manager C. Radesh, and Deputy Manager Gayan Thilakarathne were also present.  
Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Group Cor.



The 51st National Day of the State of Kuwait was celebrated at the Ambassador's residence recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar greets Ambassador Yaqoob YAA Alateeqi. Senior Rural Affairs Minister Athauda Seneviratne and Jifry Haniffa are also in the picture.  
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The new Secretary of the Western Provincial Council, H. Samarakoon addresses the senior staff after assuming duties at the Council Secretariat, Torrington Square, Colombo recently. Additional Secretaries of the Defence Ministry, Damayanthi Jayasinghe and Siripala Hettiarachchi, Commissioner of the Co-op Development, W.H. Karunarathna are also in the picture.  
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.



An awareness programme and a discussion on 'School transport service' was conducted by the Civil Security Division of Mirihana police for owners, drivers and Civil Security Committee members. Here ASP of Nugegoda Police Division Kamal Palihakkara briefs the participants.  
Pic: Wehella Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

## EVENTS

### Former Budusarana editor's first death anniversary on March 2

The first year remembrance of senior journalist and former Budusarana Editor Daya Siriwardene falls on March 2. An all-night pirith pinkama and a Sanghika dana the following day will be held to mark the occasion.

### Yasodara Walk today

The Past Pupils' Association of Yasodara Vidyalaya, Colombo and the Prefects' Guild have organised the 'Yasodara Walk' to raise funds for renovations starting at 7.00 a.m. today, from the school to the Viharamaha Devi Park It will be held under the patronage of the Principal Mrs. Ajantha Kumari and the Deputy Principal.

### Ahadiyya School anniversary today

The Colombo Ahadiyya School Society Ltd. will hold its 30th anniversary celebration and prize-giving today at 9.00 a.m. at the S. de S. Jayasinghe Hall, Dehiwala. Managing Director and CEO Amana Bank, Faizal Saleh will be the chief guest. President of the Ahadiyya Society Shibly Aziz PC will preside.

### Revolution of sounds on March 2

The annual event Revolution of sounds or more commonly known as REVO will be held for the 10th consecutive year by the Interact Club of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia on March 2 from 7 p.m. at the Bishop's College auditorium.

The proceeds will be used for 'ENRICH', a charity project carried out by the Interact Clubs of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia and the British School, Colombo to renovate three schools in Jaffna.

REVO is an excitement filled musical event that caters to all tastes of music. Popular local contemporary artistes Doctor, Battery, Journey and Willies Jeep will perform.

### S. Thomas' 'OL class of '78' meet

Members of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, 'OL Class of '78' who are celebrating their 25th year of the formation of the Class Group have organised a dinner dance and reunion at Hotel Taj Samudra on Saturday, March 3. The event will also mark the countdown to the 50th birthday of many of its members in 2012/13.

The proceeds of the dinner/dance are in aid of the Scholarship Fund which has assisted children of deceased members in their education for the past 15 years.

The grand finale in the celebrations would be at the usual 'Stables Tent' organised by the 'Class of '79' at the 133rd Royal-Thomian cricket match from March 8-10. The 'Class of '78' together with their family members would as a group cheer and support the STC cricket team captained by Sachin Peiris, a son of one of their classmates.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What is the future of mankind?" 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.

### Peradeniya University alumni AGM on March 4

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya, Colombo chapter will be held on March 4 at 9.30 a.m. at the Shalika Hall, Park Road, Colombo 5.

Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo Prof. W.D. Laxman will be the chief guest while Eastman Narangoda, Chairman, Seylan Bank will be the guest of honour. The new Council of Management for 2012/13 will also be elected on this day.

### Veyangoda MMV OBA meeting today

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association of Veyangoda MMV will be held today at 9.30 a.m. at the school premises. The enrolment of new members will also take place. A get-together will follow at the Sevansay Reception Hall, Magalegoda.

### RASSL lecture tomorrow

The Royal Asiatic Society Sri Lanka (RASSL) lecture on 'Gardens of Lanka and Foreign Relations from Ancient to Colonial Periods' by the former Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Thailand and Sweden Ms Sarala Fernando will be held tomorrow at 5.00 p.m. at the Gamage Dissanayake auditorium, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7.



A blood donation campaign was held at Wadduwa Sri Andris Geru Dhamma School to mark the first anniversary of the school. The Chief Incumbent of Vivekaramaya Temple Ven. Nelumandane Wimalasara Thera and the students of the school, organised the event. Here a Buddhist teacher donates blood.  
Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Daily News Cor.