

COMMUNITY



A Ashirwada pooja organised by the Horana residents to defeat local and international conspiracies was held at the Horana Rajamaha Vihara temple recently. The chief incumbent of the temple and the former Religious Advisor of the London Thames Buddhist temple, Ven. Horana Pagnnashekara Thera, the Maha Sangha and Divisional Secretary, Horana, Nishanthi Jayasingha participated. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



UNP Deputy Leader and Hambantota District Parliamentarian Sajith Premadasa made a financial contribution of Rs. 50,000 to the chief incumbent of the Wadduwa Samudrarama, Ven. Bopitiye Dhammssara Thera, through the Sasunata Aruna, a religious program, conducted islandwide, recently. Here Premadasa presents the cheque to Ven. Bopitiye Dhammssara Thera. Former UNP Deputy leader Karu Jayasuriya and Panadura UNP Organiser Vijith Priyantha are also in the picture. Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara CDN Cor.



Matar District Parliamentarian and Chairperson of Samadhi Community Development Foundation Buddika Pathirana has launched a project to present agricultural equipment to Sinhala, Tamil and the Muslim farmers in the district. Here Pathirana presents a donation to a group of agricultural representatives of the Athuraliya area.



Minister of Public Administration W.D.J. Seneviratne presented equipment to manufacture Kithul products in the Ratnapura district while Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi looks on. Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Cor.

The foundation-laying ceremony for the proposed housing project in the Janasewana Ranaviru Village, at Kidelipitiya, Horana was held recently, on an initiative by Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa. Forty houses will be built in six months at a cost of over Rs. 23.5 million. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A meeting was held to discuss the Observation of Earth Hour 2012 at the Western Provincial Agriculture Ministry, under the patronage of WPC Environment Minister Udaya Gammanpila. The Ambassador of Earth Hour, Abdul Uwais, Bathiya Jayakodi and M. Wickramasooriya are also in the picture. Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

The Vincent De Paul Society and the Youth Society of the Diyalgoda parish constructed a house for a needy family in the parish recently. Here Rev. Fr. Thusith Pradeep Fernando, Parish Priest Diyalgoda opens the new house. Pic: D. Anselm Fernando, Maggona



The annual 'Ther' (Chariot) festival of Sri Muthumari Amman Kovil, Kotahena was held with the participation of a large number of devotees recently. Here a young devotee fulfils a vow to Goddess Mariamman with a Hindu ritual. Pic: A. Maduraveeran

A special Ayushyahomam program, to invoke blessings on the country and the people was held at the Aathi Kamatchi Amman Kovil, Obeysekarapura, Rajagiriya recently. Here the chief priest Ravindran Sastri conducts the pooja. Pic: A. Maduraveeran



The members of the Ceylon Hardware Merchants' Association felicitated T.M. Anura Senanayake who was promoted as Senior Deputy Inspector General (Western Province). Here Association's President S.T.S. Arulananandam drapes a golden shawl on the DIG. H.M. Jayaweera, Secretary, M. Sanjeevan, Treasurer and T. Thyagalingam and A. Sithampalam were also present. Pic: A. Maduraveeran

The Past Prefects' Association (PPA) of Zahira College organised the fourth Annual Dinner and Teachers' Recognition ceremony 2012 to mark 120 years of Zahira College on March 30. Here the Project Chairman Nilhar Nawaz presents the first ticket to Gisthy Fawmey, Managing Director of Diamonds Best Foods. Founder President, Shahey Faleel of the PPA of Zahira College Colombo is also in the picture. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Eramiyawa Youth Farm of the National Youth Services Council has introduced a Sri Lanka Youth rice bag system to the market. Here the Manager of the Farm presents the first bag of rice. Chairman/Director General Lalith Piyum Perera at the NYSC, Maharagama. Director (Administration), Manula Perera is also in the picture. Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

The United Nations Population (UNFPA) presented medical equipment for reproductive health worth USD 210,000 at a ceremony at the Governor's Office. Here UNFPA Representative Sri Lanka Ms. Lene K. Christianse, presents the equipment to the Governor of the Northern Province, Major General G.A. Chandrasiri, in the presence of Health Secretary Northern Province T. Raveenthiran, Provincial Director Health Services, Northern Province Dr. R.S. Judge and Regional Director of Health Services, Jaffna, Dr. A. Ketheswaran.



The ESCO Very Special Peace Arts festival was held recently at the ESCO headquarters in Egoda Uyana, Moratuwa, with the participation of seven Indian artists. Here the chief guest in Council of Cultural Affairs of the Indian High Commission Birendra Singh presents awards to the winners of the drama team of Supun Dancing Institute of Dehiwala. ESCO Executive Chairman Anvor Dole and a Moratuwa Municipal Councillor Sajith Peiris are also in the picture.

The annual Mowlood Majlis Fassiya was held recently at the Jumma mosque, China Fort, Beruwala. Here Kaleefa Moulavi M.S.M. Isthikar (Bari) addresses the gathering. Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Truth is the catalyst to end conflict" 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.

Blood donation camp on April 1

The Moors Welfare Association, Dehiwala has organised a blood donation camp on April 1 from 8.30 a.m. To 3.00 p.m. at the Meelad Muslim Vidyalaya.

AGM of Arethusa OBA today

The Old Boys' Association of Arethusa College, Colombo will hold its Annual General Meeting today at 9.00 a.m. at the College main hall.

AGM of Matar Convent PPA

The Past Pupils Association of the Convent of Mary Immaculate, Matar (Colombo Branch) will hold its 39th Annual General Meeting on March 31 at the Peach Valley Chinese Restaurant, Flower Road, Colombo 7, followed by lunch. New members will be enrolled on that day.

Visakha Avurudu pola

The Avurudu pola organised by the Old Girls' Association of Visakha Vidyalaya will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the school premises. There will be a variety of trade stalls, bargains in textiles, household linen, ready-made garments, handicrafts, food items, books and accessories such as costume jewellery, handbags, shoes, foliage, ceramics and household items. The organisers said the kiddies' corner, games of skill, house of horrors and traditional Avurudu *Senakeli* will be major attractions. For the past pupils of Visakha it would be an opportunity to meet old friends and enjoy the day. All proceeds will be in aid of school development projects.

Commemoration Day on April 8

The Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka has organised the 135th year commemoration of His Holiness Sulthaanul Aarifeen Seyyeda Ahamadul Kabeerur Rifai (Kaddasallahu Sirrahul Azeez) and Thamaam Majlid on April 8 at 10.30 a.m. at the Muhiyaddeen Mosque, Refai Thangal Lane, Colombo, under the patronage of His Eminence Moulana Al Haj U.P. Seyyed Muhammed Ashique Thangal. Kaleefathul Refai Moulavi A.C.A. Faleel will deliver a speech on the significance of the occasion.

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A ceremony to introduce Vanitha Vasana Savings Certificates to mark International Women's Day was held at the People's Bank, Kelaniya branch recently. Here Mrs. Chintha Nayanakanthi Kodithuwakku, Principal, Helena Wijewardena Balika Vidyalaya, Kelaniya lights the oil lamp. Mrs. S.M.N.R. Warnakulasuriya, Chairperson and Managing Directress, Studio and Digital Colour Lab, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya, Branch Manager, D.M. Jayaweera are also in the picture. Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The launching ceremony of a special souvenir *Indu Kalvi Marumalarchi* published by the Colombo Hindu Educational Society (C.H.E.S.) to mark its diamond jubilee was held at the Saraswathy Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here the President C.H.E.S. M. Ramachandran presents the maiden copy to Sathu Shannuga Swamigal, head of Aatheenam in Palani, Tamil Nadu India. Pic: A. Maduraveeran