



The flag-hoisting ceremony of St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade, Colombo 13 was held recently to mark the annual feast. Here the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Clement Rosairo conducts the special prayers before the commencement of the ceremony. The festival will celebrated on June 13. Pic A. Maduraveeran Colombo North. Gr. Corr.



Ven. Elamaldeniye Sarananda Thera, Chief Incumbent of the Dehiwala Saranath Buddhist Centre and Senior Lecturer delivered an *Anusasana* to mark Poson Poya. It was organised by the Primary division of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo.



A press conference was held recently in Colombo to acknowledge receipt of books donated to libraries in the Primary sections of government schools. Here Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana addresses the media. Country Director Chandra Ranawickrama, Chief Program Global Officer, Cory Heyman, Local Language Publishing Global Program Officer Wilfredo Pascual are also in the picture.

EVENTS

Lecture on 'Dementia'

A lecture on 'Dementia and the need for early diagnosis and treatment' by Prof. Asita de Silva will be held on June 20 at 5.15 pm at the LCOGA Secretariat. It will be followed by a short talk on the care of the elderly by Dr. Ruvais Haniffa. The lecture This is the first in the 'Invest in Yourself' seminar series organised by the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Thought and the divisive process" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the 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.

Themiyuru Dehena at Dharmaraja

Themiyuru Dehena, a musical evening organised by the Old Rajans Scout Association will be held today at 6.30 p.m., at the Dharmaraja auditorium, Kandy.

Sri Lanka's leading musicians Rohana Beddage, Bhatiya Jayakody, Santhush Weeraman and Jananath Warakagoda will be in attendance.

The event to raise funds for the Lakeview Park International Scout Centre of 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group, Dharmaraja College, Kandy is coordinated by Mithra Mayadunne: 0777-581972.

Inaugural ceremony today

The inaugural ceremony of Class First English School at Gallegama, Kekunagolla will be held today at 9.30 a.m. at Gallegama. Independent Television Network Director Hashim Omar will be the chief guest while Crescent International School General Manager Mirak Farook will be the guest of honour. Freelance journalist Ruzaik Farook and Insaf Salahudeen will be the special guests.

Islamic Art and Arabic calligraphy exhibition

The Colombo district Ahadiyyah Federation and the All Ceylon YMMA Conference have jointly organised an Islamic Art and Arabic Calligraphy exhibition to mark the diamond jubilee of the Central Ahadiyyah Federation and the All Ceylon YMMA Conference on June 16 and 17 at the National Art Gallery, Colombo from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Students of Ahadiyyah schools in the Colombo district will display their exhibits.



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe is being congratulated by the Federal President of Austria Heinz Fischer after he delivered the keynote speech at the International Congress on World Hunger and Sustainable Development in Vienna, recently organised as part of the preparatory process for the Rio+20 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. Prof. Munasinghe shared the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace and serves as Chairman of the Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND).



The *Kalasa Vilakku* pooja organised by the *Aathi Parasakthi Mandram*, Colombo was held at the Kathirkamam Pilgrimage Society Hall of the Selva Vinayagar Kovil Captain's Gardens, Colombo 10, recently. Here the ceremony in progress. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Board of Management of the Abrar mosque, Maradana, Beruwala felicitated the newly appointed High Court Judge Ahasan Razik Marikkar at the mosque premises recently. Here Al-Haj M.A.M. Hanafi (Attorney-at-Law) presents a memento to Marikkar. Former Media Minister Al-Haj Intiyaz Bakeer Markar, Former UC Chairman, Beruwala Al-Haj M. Mazahim Mohomad are also in the picture. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala, Spl. Cor.



The 'Barathiyar Vizha' jointly organised by the Colombo Tamil Sangam and the Barathiyar Society of Chennai, Tamil Nadu was held at the Tamil Sangam Wellawatte recently. Here the President, Tamil Sangam M. Kathirgamanathan garlands the statue of poet Barathiyar. President Barathiyar Society of Tamil Nadu E. Gandhi, Secretary Colombo Tamil Sangam A. Ragopathy Balashritharan and members look on. Pic A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Cultural Section of the Embassy of Iran in Sri Lanka organised the 23rd death anniversary of Imam khomeini at the auditorium recently. Here the guest speaker Attorney-at-Law Marsoom Moulana addresses the gathering. Cultural Counsellor Mehdi G. Rokni, Iran Ambassador N.M. Hassani Pour and Dr. I.L.M. Ilyas are also in the picture. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A Poson Bhakthi Gee presentation organised by the Western Provincial Council was held at the Ananda Samarakoon Open Theatre, Nugegoda recently. WPC Minister Upali Kodikara and Western Provincial Councillor Mahinda Kuruwita were also present. Here Divisional Secretary Amal Edirisooriya, Deputy Divisional Secretary Ms. Omali Wijeratne and the staff at the presentation.



Western Provincial Councillor Al-Haj M.M.M. Amjad donated plastic chairs to St. Anne's Church Daham pasala in Beruwala at the Sarah reception hall, Marakkalawatte recently. Here Deputy Minister of Ports and Highways Nimala Kotelawela presents a chair to Rev. Fr. Nishantha Perera. Amjad and Divisional Secretary, Beruwala, Dammika Rajapaksha look on. Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The Moors Islamic Cultural Home (MICH) named three buildings after stalwarts of the MICH, the late Macan Markar, A.L.L. Marikar and M.H.M. Kamil at "Pasha Villa", MICH, Dematagoda recently. Here the chief guest Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem unveils the nameboard. A.H.M. Azwer MP, Colombo Deputy Mayor Titus Perera, MICH President, Omar Kamil and members were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The lawyers team emerged winners at the Ladies annual Six-a-side Law-Medical cricket match 2012 played at the Colts cricket grounds recently. The scores: Doctors team: 42 for 2 in five overs, Lawyers team: 43 without loss in 4.2 overs. Lawyers team (L-R) Reshika Ruwani, Charmaine Madurasinghe (captain), Diluka Ratnayake, Tamara Abeyratne, Nimasha Ayanthi and Thulani Wanniarachchi.



The Maligawatte Youth Sports Club organised a soccer tournament to mark the 35th anniversary of the club at the P.D. Sirisena playground, Maligawatte recently. Here the chief guest, Mayor of Colombo A.J.M. Muzzamil presents the championship trophy to Slave Island Eleven SC, Vetailan Fernando. ITN Director Hashim Omar and President of the Club M.H.M. Nauffer MMC were also present. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Dry rations were distributed among 300 families on Poson Poya Day at the Kalutara District Secretariat under the patronage of District Secretary Wimalasiri Perera. Here the Additional District Secretary Mrs. M.G.S. Gunathilaka presents a parcel to a beneficiary. Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



The Jetwing Group of Hotels marked World Environment Day under the theme "Tree of Life" with a series of programs, such as exhibitions, contests and presentations on climate change at Loyala College, Negombo recently. Here film personality and patron of the Jetwing Eternal Earth Program Ms. Iranganie Serasinghe, the guest of honour views an exhibit created by schoolchildren. Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Donation of sil cloth to members of the Ingiriya Elders' Home was organised by the Social Service Unit, Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat at the Sanghikarama temple Maputugala, Rathmalgoda recently, on an initiative by the indigenous Medicine and Social Service Minister of Western Province, Jagath Angage. Here the minister gifts sil cloth to an elderly woman. Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A devotional musical program titled *Bakthi Innisai Malai* by Prof. Ananda Raman and Mrs. Rajam Ananda Raman, organised by the Babaji Yoga Aranyam Sri Lanka was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here the rictal in progress. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North, Gr. Cor.



The Bank of Ceylon Minuwangoda paid Rs. 353,711 as compensation to *Ran Kekulu* account holder K.A.N. Acalanka under the *Ran Kekulu* Insurance Scheme on the death of his father K.A. Wimal. Here Minuwangoda National School Principal J.H.M.R. Jayapadma presents the cheque to Acalanka. Manager of Minuwangoda Bank of Ceylon K.A. Wijesinha is also in the picture. Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The All Ceylon Moors Association organised its 99th Convention at the Hotel Ramnuthu, Colombo recently. Here the chief guest Social Services Minister Felix Perera presenting a memento to the President of the Association Prof. Fazil Nizar for his dedicated services to the community. Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The premiere of the latest Sinhala film *Sihina Dige Enna* (Come along with the Dream) was held at the National Film Corporation cinema hall, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 recently. Here the invitees being welcomed by the Director of the film Chandraratna Mapitigama (extreme right). Producer Samantha Ranasinghe and film artiste Veena Jayakodi are also in the picture. Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The office-bearers elected at the 11th AGM of the Bentota Beruwala Hoteliers' Association (BBHA) recently at Vivantha by Taj, Bentota. (Seated from left): Refhan Razeen (Vice President Bentota Area - G.M. Heritage, Ahungalla) Rohan Gamage (General Secretary - G.M. The Palms, Beruwala), Sanjeeva Perera (President - G.M. Bentota Beach Hotel), Samantha Gunaratna (Past President - G.M. Heritage, Mahagedera), Eksath Wijeratna (Vice President, Beruwala Area - G.M. Eden Resort and Spa and Cyril Fernando Treasurer - G.M. Tropical Villas) (Standing): Prasanna de Alwis - RM - Avani Bentota, Udeni Perera (G.M. Club Bentota) Manoj Mathews (G.M. Vivantha by Taj) Michael Weyland (G.M. Lanka Princess) Chandima Lokuhetty (R.M. Aida Ayurveda Hotel) Nimal Abeysekera (G.M. Tapro Spa) and Maximus Waragoda (Manager-Hotel Ceylands) Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.