



An Uphara ceremony, organised by bhikkhus of the Koraleima, Wijayagiri temple to felicitate their teachers was held at the temple premises recently. Here a bhikkhu presents an Uphara gift to one of their teachers, the chief incumbent of the Wijeyagiri temple, Ven. Denagama Gnaninda Thera.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The birthday of the Chief incumbent of Sri Sudarshanaramaya, Malapalla Ven. Agrahare Kasapa Thera was celebrated with a series of pinkamas organised by the Dayaka Sabawa at the Homagama Hospital. An Ashwvada pooja was also held for in-patients where 100 cotton pillows, 100 sheets and 100 plastic jugs were presented to patients. Here Ven. Thera presents bed sheets to the Director of the hospital Dr. Pradeep Abeygunaratne.

Pic: Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Member of Parliament and Chairman/Managing Director of the Samadhi Community Development Foundation, Buddhika Pathirana organised the project *Samadhi Kekulu Suwasetha* to donate equipment to pre-schools in the Matara district, at a cost of Rupees 21 million. Here the parliamentarian presents the equipment to Pipena Kekulu Pre-School at Amalagoda in Akuressa.



Veronica Damayanthi Jayakody's latest book "Life of the Gautama Buddha - The marvellous birth of the Buddha" was launched in the United States recently. Here the author presents a copy of the book to Prof. Gamini Sumanasekara. Prof. (Mrs) Wasana Sumanasekara, publisher Dayawansa Jayakody and Manjula Gunasena look on.



A new office complex for Grama Sevaka Niladaris, the Samurdhi office, midwife and agricultural officers built under the *Gama Naguma* project, was opened by Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka recently in the Maputugala Grama Sevaka Division.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The annual feast of St. Anthony's Church, Nawagampura, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held, under the patronage of the Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church Rev. Fr. Ananda Fernandopulle recently. Here a group sing hymns, before the commencement of the feast.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A home project under the *Divi Neguma* program was launched at the Sainthamaruthu Divisional Secretariat area recently. Here the Grama Niladari of Sainthamaruthu Division No.10, A.M. Nizrin presents plant seeds to one of the beneficiaries. Agriculture Instructor M.M.M. Jameel is also in the picture.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



A devotional program organised by the Sri Sivasubramaniam Kovil at Jayanthi Nagar, Ginthupitiya was held recently. Here a popular artiste from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Yaar Kannan delivers the keynote address. Kovil Trustees T. Eswaran, Well-known author Mrs. Padma Somakandan and SLBC artiste Mrs. Kamalini Selvarajan are also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A carnatic music recital organised by the Aalabana Sangeetha Sabha, Colombo was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here the program led by Selvi Kavalalini in progress.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



WPC Industries Minister Udhaya Gammanpila, visited the Biyagama Meti Products Training and Service Centre of the WPC Industrial Department recently. Here the Minister inspects a product.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Independent Television Network's Tamil TV channel *Vasantham* TV celebrated its fourth anniversary at the ITN premises recently. Here the Chairman of the ITN, Rosmand Senaratne, Directors Hashim Omar Devapiran and *Vasantham* TV Manager M. Kuwandiran cut the cake to mark the occasion.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The South Eastern University students Council of 2009/2010 built a bus shelter near the University recently. Here the Vice Chancellor of the South Eastern University Dr. S.M.M. Ismail opens the bus halt.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



Students of Hambantota Vidyalaya organised a perahera on Posen Poya day recently. Here the procession wends its way along the streets of the town.

Pic: M. Irfan Zakariya, Hambantota Thinakaran Spl. Cor.



The Trinity College of London held its second prize - giving for students recently at the Bishop's College auditorium. The following are the Diploma Awardees: (Standing from left) Radhini Mendis (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Thilanka Jayasekara (ATCL - Public Speaking), Tahini De Andrade (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Anuk Munasinghe (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Samurdhi Cabral - Prize Winner (ATCL - Public Speaking), Krishan Devasagayam (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Christina de Silva (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Ruchindra Fernando (ATCL - Public Speaking), Thinthree Ginigathipitiya (ATCL - Speech and Drama) (Seated): Suvini Karunanayake (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Arushka Theagarajah (ATCL - Speech and Drama) Bhagya de Alwis - Licentiate Diploma (LTCL - Speech and Drama Teacher), Mrs. Varuni Jayasekara - Teacher, Evangeline de Silva - Licentiate Diploma (LTCL - Speech and Drama - Teacher), Chenuri Ranasinghe (ATCL - Speech and Drama), Susan Gunasekara (ATCL - Public Speaking).



The new building of Multidimensional Aspirations for Students (MAS) at Maha Hunupitiya, Negombo was opened by the Deputy Minister of Resources and Enterprises Development Sarath Kumara Gunarathna. The founder and MD of MAS Milroy Fernando and Parish Priest of Katuwapitiya, Negombo Rev. Fr. Sri Kantha look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The private library of well-known educationist S. H. M. Jameel, was opened at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently. Here the Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. M. Mohamed Ismail accepts a volume of books from Jameel. Registrar H. Abdul Saththar (left), Prof. S. Mounaguru and the Librarian M. M. Rifaudeen (right) are also in the picture.

Pic: M. A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A commemoration ceremony of former Chief Trustee of Thiruketheeswaram kovil, Mannar, the late Saiva Periyar E. Namasivayam, organised by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) was held recently at its headquarters in Colombo 2. Here Secretary, ACHC, Kandiah Neelakandan garlands the portrait of the late Namasivayam. Directress, Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department Mrs. Shanthi Navukkarasan, Vice President, ACHC V. Thavayogarajah and Media Secretary Bala look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



English teachers of Gampola Hindu College organised the Educational English Camp 2012 at the Parathy Hall recently, under the patronage of in-service advisor of English Mrs. S. Pathmanandan. Principal S. Ragu was the guest speaker. Here the chief guest is being conducted to the venue.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.



Asst. Secretary, Western Provincial Council Education Ministry Mrs. K.A.E. Alwis retired recently after 41 years in State Service. Here Western Province Chief Secretary and Education Ministry Secretary Mrs. J.M.C. Jayanthi Wijetunge presents a memento to Alwis. Senior officials look on.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

'Beyond a Step', Rathnavali Walk 2012

The Old Girls' Association of Rathnavali Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 8 will hold 'Beyond a Step', the Rathnavali Walk 2012 on July 14 at the Viharamahadevi Open Air Theatre.

The Walk will commence from the school premises at 7.30 p.m. and arrive at the Theatre at 10.30 a.m., followed by a fun fair till 3.00 p.m. DJ Music with "Shenash" will be in attendance.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Why do we live with unresolved problems?" delivered by the late Indian Sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School, High Level Road, Colombo 5 today at 9.45 am.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

'Nature's Odyssey' from July 14 - 16

Nature's Odyssey, an art exhibition that portrays the finer elements of nature in its raw form will be held from July 14 - 16 at the Art Gallery from 10.00 am. The exhibition sponsored by the Ceylon Society of Arts is open to the public.

Lecture on Zakath at Marleen Hall

The Moors' Islamic Cultural Home has organised a lecture on 'Zakath and its Distribution' today at 9.00 a.m. at A.A.M. Marleen Hall, Her Highness Sheikhha Fatima Building, Lily Avenue, Colombo 6, in preparation for the Holy Ramazan.

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