



A children's and maternity health clinic built under *Gama Naguma* at a cost of Rs. 3.7m. was opened by Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa recently at the invitation of Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardana.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The 93-member combined schools' choir of Pueri Cantores presented a performance at the general audience with Pope Benedict XVI in attendance at the Vatican recently. Here Rodney Koelmeyer, Chairman/Managing Director of Superlink Travels, who handled the group's travel arrangements, with Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith and Monsignor Neville Joe Perera.



Prof. Mrs. Dilika Dias of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Moratuwa was the chief guest at the concert, *Singithi Rengum* presented by the primary section of Colombo Visakha Vidyalaya at the Jeremias Dias Hall recently. Here the Principal Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppola lights the oil lamp while Prof. Dias and Deputy Principals Sandamali Perera, Renuka Jayawardena, Sujatha Devendra and Primary Section Headmistress Ms. Muditha Madanayaka look on.

Pic: Chaminda Niroshana



Veteran actress and Parliamentarian Malini Fonseka presents an award to the Most Outstanding Dancer of the Year, K. Hirunie Hansika at the Art Festival of Sri Chandraratne Manawasinghe Vidyalaya held recently at the Youth Theatre, Maharagama. Principal Mrs. D.S.S. Baranage looks on.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Malaysian High Commissioner Azmy Zainudeen paid a courtesy call on Western Province Governor Asseyid Alavi Moulana at the Governor's Secretariat, Colombo recently. Seyyid Ali Attaz of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia is also in the picture.

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



Roofing sheets were distributed among 20 low-income families in the Beruwala AGA's division at the Beruwala AGA's office recently. Here Minister of Fisheries Development Dr. Rajitha Senarathna presents the roofing sheets to a low-income recipient in the Beruwala AGA's division. WPC Councillor Piyal Nishantha and Beruwala PS members Kaluperuma and Neville Ranjith participated.



A book review of the Tamil book titled *Kaalalam Vaanam*, authored by Mrs. Vasanthi Thayaparan was held at the Kalasurabi Kavin Kalayagam, Educational Centre Hall, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently. The event was organised by the centre for Performing Arts Colombo branch. Here SLBC artiste M.I. Losan addresses the gathering. Ambrose Peter, writers, Murugesu Ravindran, Paul Anthony and the author are in the picture.

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



D.S. Senanayake College Islamic Majlis organised *Realeyes 2012*, a free eye camp at the school premises recently. A distinguished old boy and Mushan International CEO, Muslim Salahudeen was the chief guest. Principal D.M.D. Dissanayake, Deputy Principal Ms. Indika Liyanage, Muslim Majlis Patron Mrs. Nasleema Ameen, Master-in-Charge M.I.M. Firdhouse and old boys are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The Colombo University Muslim Majlis organised the Islamic Day at the University auditorium recently. Here the Vice Chancellor Prof. Kshaniika Hirumburegama presents a certificate to one of the students of D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo who was placed first in the competition.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Sp. Cor.



The staff of the Panadura People's Bank (main branch) donated mattresses and inspection beds to the value of Rs. 50,000 to the Panadura Base hospital to mark the 51st anniversary of People's Bank. Here the branch Manager Ananda Prematilake presents the items to Dr. Sagaree Kiriwadeniya, Medical Superintendent. Kalutara Regional Manager Jayasena Guruge is also in the picture.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



Sanukmi Perera of Panadura, a Rankekulu account holder, a victim of dengue received Rs. 71,362, under her insurance cover. Here Manager, Bank of Ceylon Super Grade branch D.N. De Soysa presents the cheque to her. Members of the bank staff were also present.

Pic: Geeth de Mel



The *Maha Kumbabisekam* festival of Sithi Vinayagar Kovil, Slave Island, Colombo 2 affiliated to the Colombo Saiva Munnetta Sangam was held under the patronage of President, International Hindu Religious Priests' Forum K. Wytheswara Kurukkal recently. Here the main kumbam is being carried in the procession. Sivashri S. S. Chandrasekara Kurukkal and the kovil trustees are also in the picture.

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



The Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka-Republic of Korea Association called on the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Jongmoon Choi to discuss activities of the Association. From left: K. Jayekumar, Clarence Welikelle, Savitri Rathnayake, Prof. Daya Edirisinghe, Ambassador Jongmoon Choi, Dr. Vijaya Corea, Upali S. Jayasekera and Edward Ahangama. Back row: Tilak Fernando, Lal Palihakkara, Bertie Jirasinghe, Asoka Weeresekere, Dudley Edirisinghe and the Second Secretary, Korean Embassy Keong Tongik.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe



The Ministry of Rural Industries, Sabaragamuwa PC allocated Rs. 5 million to the Imbulpe Traditional Potters' Organisation, Balangoda to develop the clay industry recently. Here Minister G. M. Karunapala on an inspection tour.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A cash donation was made to householders, whose dwellings were damaged by the gale that swept across Ingiriya and the nearby areas in February, last year, at the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat recently. Rs. 299,000 was disbursed among 37 beneficiaries. The event was organised by the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat's Welfare Unit. Kalutara district Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and Ingiriya Divisional Secretary, Champa Upasena were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshini Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



St. Thomas College, Matara won the 11th Golden Pennant Football encounter against Rahula College, Matara in a penalty shoot-out played under lights at the German Sri Lanka-Friendship Football Stadium, in Uyanwatta recently. Here the winning team: Front row from left: Mohamed Afsan (Captain), M.N. Althaf (Coach), Janath Mathangadeera (Prefect of Games), W.B. Piyatissa (Principal), Shanthinie Suraweera, (Vice Principal), Manoj Mathangadeera (Master-in-Charge), Rasika Sampath (Vice Captain). Middle row: Mohamed Saffar, Gamindu Hasanka, C.B. Weerappuli, Pabara Sudaran, W.A.H. Ambepitiya, Shereen Jayasekera, Samudu Priyanaka, Pasindu Lakshan, Ashan Belling, K.P. Chameera Dishan, R.G. Ashan Tharindu. Back row: Ravindu Madushan, Dilshan Thenuwara, Dashun Dilshan, Pasindu Rathan, Hareen Gamisha, Tharindu Marian, Salindu Dasanka, Thejan Deshapriya, S.H. Felian and K.V. Roshane Imesha.

Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



An elders' felicitation ceremony for over 1500 senior citizens in the Kegalle and Ratnapura districts was held under the auspices of Sabaragamuwa PC Minister G. M. Karunapala recently at the Imbulpe Aluth Nuwara Devale premises, Balangoda. Here a group of elderly women perform the *Govi Netuma*.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Hymns to invoke blessings on the country and its people, organised by the Sri Lanka, Mispah Prayer Missionary Ministry, Modera, Colombo 15 was held at its premises recently. Here one of the events in progress.

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

EVENTS

Pulimood memorial oration

The annual Susan George Pulimood Memorial oration of Visakha Vidyalaya will be held on July 23 at 5.15 p.m. at the Jeremias Dias Hall. Founder Professor of Pharmacology and Head of Pharmacology, Sri Jayawardhanapura University Medical Sciences Faculty, Health Ministry Drugs Evaluation Sub-committee (DESC) Secretary and SLMA Drugs Committee Chairperson Prof. Gita Fernando will deliver the oration on 'Marvels of Modern Medicine'.

Ramazan prayers on *Vettri* FM

Vettri FM Radio has organised a special program to mark the Holy Month of Ramazan as in previous years. The Ifthar (breakfast) will be broadcast live from mosques, Madarasas and Ahadiyya schools from 6.15 p.m. to 6.35 p.m. and the Sahar from 4.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. according to Hisham Mohamed, Senior Manager, *Vettri* FM Radio.

COSLAM lecture

The Conference of Sri Lankan Malays (COSLAM) and the Trustees of Wekanda Jumma Masjid will hold its monthly Islamic lecture series. 'In the shade of the holy Qur'an' today at 10.30 a.m. at the Wekanda Jumma Masjid upto Luhar prayers. Ash Shaikh Arqam Nooramith will speak on 'The Spirit of Ramadhan'.

AGM of Panadura Old Anthonians' Association

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Old Anthonians' Association of St. Anthony's College, Panadura will be held on July 15 at 9.00 a.m. at the College hall. Old Anthonian and Deputy General Manager of the Bank of Ceylon P.A. Lionel will be the chief guest.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Freedom and authority" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be played at the Public Library auditorium, Colombo 7 today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Taxila Primary OSA to fete founder members

A ceremony to felicitate the founder members of the Old Students' Association of Taxila Primary College, Horana and to welcome Y.M. Abeyratne, the first ever past pupil to become the Principal will be held at the School main hall (near the clock tower) on July 15 at 3 p.m., Secretary of the Association, Senerath Kapila said.

AGM of Christ King College PSA on July 21

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Students Association (2011/2012) of Christ King College, Tudella, Ja-Ela will be held at the College auditorium on July 21 at 4.00 p.m. The meeting will be followed by an annual dinner at Weligampitiya, Ja-ela.



The debating competition, *Wag Prathibha* organised by Isipathana College's *Isiwaru* debating team and the Old Boys of '97 Group, to mark the College's 60th anniversary was held recently at the Sambuddha Jayanthi Hall, Colombo. The finals between D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo and Sri Sumangala College, Panadura saw the latter emerge champs. Here the captain of the team with the shield.



Two books, *Rasin Rasa Hela Bojun I* and *II* were released at a ceremony at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute to mark Varuni Perera's 25th anniversary in culinary art. The wife of the Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, Maureen Ranatunga was the chief guest. The website, www.varunischoolofcooking.co.cc was also launched.

Pic: Sudam Gunasinghe



Inmates of the Elders' Home at Aluthgama received gift items from medical specialist Dr. Sujatha Senarathna, Co-chairman of the Rajitha Senarathna Foundation, on her birthday, recently. Here Dr. Senarathna presents a gift parcel.

Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Cor.



A blood-donation campaign organised by the Jaamiuth Thowheed Jumma Masjid of Wattalpola, Panadura was held at the Masjid premises recently. Here the medical officer-in-charge of the Blood Bank of Panadura Kethumathi Women's Hospital, Dr. M.Y.P. Naslima examining a donor.

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



A nameboard and stainless steel flag masts were donated to the School for the Deaf, Ratmalana by the Deaf School Past Pupils' Association. Here the Bishop of Colombo Rt. Rev. Dhilloraj Canagasabey hoists the national flag while the Principal, Rev. Fr. Keerthisiri Fernando hoists the school flag and the founder member, life member and President, Ryle de Mel, the Association's flag.