



Sam Samarasinghe was awarded the Vishwa Keerthi Shri Deshamanya by President Mahinda Rajapaksa at a ceremony at the Peradeniya Gatambe playground to mark the 68th Higher Ordination Ceremony of the Sri Lanka Ramanna Maha Nikaya. He is a member of several International Engineering Institutions. Samarasinghe is the founder of a number of societies including Nalanda Junior Old Boys' Association and Singapore Buddhist Mission.



Ven. Hadigalle Vajira Thera, Chief Incumbent of the Wadduwa Talpitiya Meditation Centre and Principal of Wekada Bauddaloka Maha Vidyalaya was appointed Deputy Adikarana Sanganayaka Thera of Pasdun Rata Division in the Kalutara district. After receiving the Act of Appointment from the Sri Jayawardanapura, Kotte sector, Ven. Vajira Thera was conducted in a traditional perahera to the Talpitiya Meditation Centre by the Dayaka Sabha.
Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to mark the 73rd anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon was held at the Bank's Lake House branch recently. Here Manager Rohini de Silva and her staffers, Asst. Manager, M. Sathananthan, Rasanjaya Weerasooriya, Vindya Perera, R.D. Somasiri, Prathibha Karunaratne, Sujatha Dissanayake, Thilini Nisansala and Yashodha Gunawardena cut the cake to commemorate the event. The Chief Cashier, Ajith Fernando and the Head of Financial Accounting and Management Information, Sumith Kotelawela, of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. are also in the picture. *Pic: Wimal Karunathilake*



Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Childcare and Women's Affairs Jagath Angage and Dr. Amal Harsha De Silva, Director of Health Services, Western Province paid a surprise visit to the Gonaduwa Rural Hospital in Wadduwa recently. The Western Province Health Ministry spends around Rs. one lakh per day for the maintenance of the hospital. There are 33 members on the staff. Here the Minister and the Director of Health Services discuss the shortcomings with a medical officer.
Pic: Panadura Group Cor, Kapila Somaratne



State Pharmaceuticals Corporation presented a cheque for Rs. 590,000 to Mrs. Leela Bibile, wife of the founder of State Pharmaceuticals Corporation (SPC) Prof. Senaka Bibile, to meet the expenses for a pacemaker. Here SPC Chairman Prof. S.D. Jayarathna presents the cheque to Mrs. Bibile. Rohan Dharmathilake, Managing Director (SPC), Mahinda Gamage, Deputy General Manager/Finance, Dinusha Dasanayake, General Manager (SPC), Madhura Kuruppu, Deputy General Manager/Marketing look on.



Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare Dilan Perera has appointed L.A. Ranjith Nihal Perera as a Director of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the second successive occasion. Perera who heads Lagodan (Pvt) Ltd., for the past 36 years is a Member of the National Advisory Committee of Labour Migration.

EVENTS

Cancer clinic on Aug.12

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7 will hold its next cancer-screening clinic on Sunday, August 12 from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., to screen for early detection of breast, cervical and oral cancer. All services will be free.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "How is one to have complete order?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at study Centre, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



The Pal Kudam Bawani (Holy Milk Procession) to invoke blessings on the country and the people was held at Arulmigu Sri Bathrakali Amman Kovil, Wadulawatta, Wellampitiya recently. Here women devotees carry milk pots in a procession.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The third ATM machine of the People's Bank was opened at the University premises recently by the Vice Chancellor of the Kelaniya University W.M. Karunaratne, Registrar of the University Sunil Illukkumbura, Regional Manager, People's Bank, Gampaha, D.M. Jayaweera, Branch Manager, Kelaniya and the Operations Manager Gamini Konara are also in the picture.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



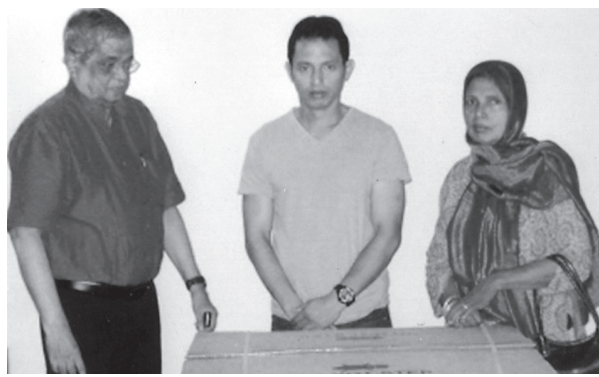
A teachers' awareness program on Ganitha Mela, A Mathematical program, organised by the Western Provincial Education Department to develop the ability of students, was held at Parakramabahu Junior College, Ingiriya recently. Thirty teachers from 30 schools in the Horana, Bulathsinhala and Bandaragama divisions participated. Here the Directress of Primary Education, Homagama Zone, Malani Maldeniya outlines the program to the teachers.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The 51st anniversary of the People's Bank was celebrated at the Kelaniya branch with several promotional programs organised by its branch Manager, D.M. Jayaweera and the staff. Here the Regional Manager, Gampaha, Sunil Illukkumbura presents a gift voucher to one of the oldest current Account holders M.A. Sarath, the Chairman and Managing Director, Sarasa Hotel (Pvt.) Ltd., Kelaniya. Operations Manager, Gamini Konara looks on.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Vanitha Vasana Lottery Draw of the People's Bank, Moratumulla branch was held at the bank premises recently. Here the winner of the Draw, Sumithra Malkanthi receives the letter from the Manager N.S.De S. Wijeratne for the first prize of Rs. 25,000. Principal of Kadalana St. Anthony's School, Kanthi Mendis, Samurthi Managing Director, R.S. Niranjali and Women's Development Officer of the Moratuwa Divisional Secretariat Shamali Jayasinghe who were on the panel of judges are also in the picture.
Pic: Geeth De Mel



Ramish Sabar, a Sri Lankan Malay resident in Italy gifted a deep freezer to the Lady Fareed Home for Elders, Makola recently. Here Haji Riaz Ismail, a senior member of the Board of Trustees of the MICH receives the donation from Sabar. Mrs. Facida Sabar, the mother of the donor looks on.



A ceremony to mark the 51st anniversary of the People's Bank organised by the Kelaniya Branch Manager, D.M. Jayaweera, Operations Manager, Gamini Konara and the staff was held at the branch premises recently. A walk from Peliyagoda to Kiribathgoda was also held to mark the occasion.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Sainthamaruthu Flying Horse Sports Club celebrated its 29th anniversary at the Beach grounds recently. Here former member of the Eastern Provincial Council, K.M.A. Razak presents sports goods to the club.
Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



A public awareness program, organised by the Waste Management Authority, Western Province with the assistance of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha was held in Moragahena recently. Here they explain the program to a house owner.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Light of Asia Contest 2012 organised by the Colombo Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) was held recently at the YMBA main hall. Here Rakko Perera, the Overall Winner of the Contest receives the D.N.W. de Silva Memorial Challenge Trophy from Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama and Suren Abeygoonasekera, President, YMBA.



The second round of awards of The Human Rights Organisation (HRO) fourth year celebration was held recently at the Head Office. Here Kalutara district Coordinator and Ahadiya National Organiser Al Haj A.L.M. Aswer receives his award and certificate from Presidential Advisor for Hindu Religious Affairs Sivarsi Balaravi Sangara Sivaachariyar. Executive Director of HRO Dr. M.N.M. Azeem looks on.
Pic: M.K.M. Azwer, Moratuwa Central Spl. Corr.



The Vanitha Vasana Raffle Draw of the Delgoda People's bank branch to mark the People's Bank 51st anniversary celebrations was held at the branch premises recently. Here businessman Ajith Liyanage draws the winners. Branch Manager Ajantha Gamaarachchi is also in the picture.
Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage



The Uaralakshmi Viratha Thiruvilakku pooja (lamp-lighting) festival was held at Hindu kovils and societies islandwide recently. Here a ceremony is being held at the Sri Venkateswarer Maha Vishnu Kovil, Modera, Colombo 15.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Board of Trustees (2012-13) of the Sasakawa Memorial Sri Lanka Japan Cultural Centre Trust: Seated from left: Chitral Jayawardene (Secretary), Tilak De Zoysa (Treasurer), Dayasiri Warnakulasooriya (Trustee) Nobuhito Hobo, Ambassador for Japan (Patron), Daya Wethasinghe (Chairman), Upali S. Jayasekera (Vice Chairman) and C.L. De Alwis (Vice Chairman). Standing: G. Kulatilake (Asst. Secretary/ Asst. Treasurer), Frederick Medis (Trustee) and Sam Chandrasena (Trustee).
Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe.



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An Ifthar program was held at the Urban Council premises Beruwala recently, organised by the Chairman Al-Haj Milfer Caffoor. Here Dr. Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development addresses the gathering.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Corr.



The Sri Lanka Muslim Janaza Society of Kalutara district branch presented food items to inmates of the Jawatta Prison in Kalutara recently. Here President of the Society Al-Haj A.M.A. Imamdeen hands over dry food rations to the welfare officer of the prison Jayantha Athasooriya. Janaza society members look on.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Corr.



Honorary title for Public Trustee

The honorary title of Dharma Pravardhana Sasana Keerthi Sri has been conferred on the Public Trustee Deshamanya Sarath Seneviratne by the Viharadhpathu of Sri Lanka Ramanna Sect, Most Ven. Weweladeni Medhananda Maha Nayaka Thera and the Honorary Karaka and Palaka Sangha Sabha.
He received the Sannas Pathra from President Mahinda Rajapaksa recently during the higher ordination ceremony of the Sri Lanka Ramanna sect in Getambe, Kandy.