



The Peramagata Arunala Foundation, Matara organised a parental good samaritan scholarship program recently. Here the Chief Judicial Sanganayaka of Matara and Hambantota districts, Ven. Watagedara Rewatha Nayaka Thera awards the first scholarship to a child. Chairman of the Foundation and MMC Matara, Nalin Ranasingha (centre) and Neil-Seilman of Canada look on.
Pic: A. W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



Western Province Health Minister, Jagath Angage handed over two ambulances to the Panadura Base Hospital and the Kethumathi Women's Hospital at the hospital premises recently. Western Provincial Director of Health Services Dr. Amal Harsha de Silva, Medical Superintendent of Panadura Base Hospital Dr. Sagarika Kiriwadeniya and Hospital committee members are also in the picture.
Pic: Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson, Lakwantha Peramuna Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage organised the 88th birth anniversary of former President Ranasinghe Premadasa at the Nawalapitiya electorate, Gunasinghepura, Wallagoda recently. Mrs. Kongahage presented scholarships and meals to disabled children and also distributed school books to schoolchildren in this area.



A blood donation campaign was organised by Sri Lankan students of the Dhamma and Sinhala School at Kambah in Canberra ACT recently, with the assistance of Australia-SL Buddhist Association. Here pupils donate blood at the Australian Red Cross Unit, Canberra.



A title deed donation to 169 people in the Ingiriya Divisional Secretariat Auditorium recently. Here the Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka presents a land deed to a beneficiary. Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka, Vice Chairman of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga, Councillor Sanath Vipulajeewa, Ingiriya Divisional Secretary Champa Upasena and several VIPs participated.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Investment, Natural Resources and Industries Minister of Seycelles Islands Peter A.G. Sinon called on Traditional Crafts and Small Industries Minister Douglas Devananda at his office and discussed the development of traditional handicrafts of both countries.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A Rs 7million ambulance was presented to Ittappana District Hospital by the Western Provincial Council recently. Here Western Provincial Councillor Ranjith Somawansa hands over the new vehicle to Dr. M. S. Weeraratne, District Medical Officer, Ittappana District Hospital.
Pic: K. K. D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.



The commemoration ceremony of popular Tamil writer, the late Arul-Ma Rajendran was held at the Kalasurabi Kavin Kalayagam, Educational Centre Hall, St. Benedict's Mawatha, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently organised by the Centre for Performing Arts (CFPA), Colombo branch. Here the co-ordinator Ambrose Peter garlands the portrait of the late writer senior novelist Mrs. Wasanthi Thayaparan, SLBC announcer, M.Y. Losan and Rajendran's family members, Mrs. Pushpharani look on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A function to present letters of appointments to new technical service officers of the Western Province was held at the Chief Minister's auditorium recently. Here the Chief Minister Prasanna Ranathunga presents a letter to a new officer. Western Provincial Councillor, Meril Perera is also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Special prayers 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 the Pastor Rev. Jeyam Sarangapani conducts the prayers.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Former Sabaragamuwa PC Minister of Social Services, G.M. Karunapala presented a set of loudspeakers to the Pussella Mosque, for the use of the Mosque Dhamma School recently.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Parliamentarian Al-Haj M.S.M. Aslam donated a consignment of computer items to the Rural Hospital, Dharga Town recently. Here the Medical Officers and the staff look on.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The eighth Asian Netball Championship 2012 was held at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium recently, which was sponsored by the People's Bank. Here the chief guests, Asst. Manager, People's Bank Central Province R.M.S.B. Ratnayake, Gampola UC Chairman Gamini Hettiarachchi and Gampola Bank Manager Anurudha Gamage being conducted to the venue.
Pic: D. Vasantha Kumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn. Cor.



The National Youth Services Council (NYSC) launched a new welfare project to provide free uniform (T-shirts) to the trainees of vocational training institute conducted by the council. Here the Chairman/Director General Lalith Piyum Perera presents a T-shirt to a trainee. The Director of the Maharagama Training Centre Priyantha Jayaratne looks on.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Development projects in the Kalutara district were discussed by Mrs. M.G.S. Gunetilaka, District Secretary, Kalutara with the heads of the projects. Here Asst. Dist. Secretary I. Amarasinghe Agricultural Asst. Commissioner B. Gunawardana, Asst. Director Plans, Suranga Batagoda, Shantha Priya (Media), G. Peiris (Media) and Agricultural Directores D. Kanthi with Mrs. Gunetilaka at the meeting.
Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



Four women from the low income group received motor-cycles at a presentation ceremony at the Negombo Municipal Council Grounds. W.A. Nimal Lanza, Minister of Tourism and Fisheries of the Western Province and Anthony Jayaweera, Mayor of Negombo are also in the picture.
Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Consultant Surgeon Dr. Wijaya Godakumbura has authored a book in Sinhala entitled 'Protect your child from injury', highlighting the leading causes of injury and deaths with a list of tips for prevention. Here Dr. Godakumbura makes a presentation on his book. Maithreepala Sirisena, Minister of Health, Dr. Ravindra Ruberu, former Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Dr. Firdosi R. Metha, WHO Representative in Sri Lanka and Rohan Rodrigo are also in the picture. It is a Sarasavi publication.



Senior management executive of the Bank of Ceylon, Madulugiriye Wijeratne was presented an award by the University of Madras, in recognition of his service to Buddhism rendered via Tamil. Here he receives his award from the General Manager, Bank of Ceylon K. Dharmasiri at a ceremony at the BMICH recently. Asst. General Manager, L. G. N. Cyril is also in the picture.

EVENTS

NYSCO awareness program

The Kurunegala NYSCO Youth Centre affiliated to the National Youth Services Council will conduct an awareness program on its training courses till September 3 at 8.30 a.m. at the Malkaduwa NYSC office.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on, "The cause of conflict in relationship" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m.

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

Cancer clinic on Sept 9

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society at Bullers Lane, Colombo 7, will hold its next cancer-screening clinic on September 9 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.

Bakeer Markar memorial lecture on Sept 10

The 15th commemorative lecture of former Speaker M.A. Bakeer Markar will be delivered by the former Director General of the Al Jazeera Network Wadah Khanfar on September 10 from 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. at Sri Sambuddhatwa Jayanthi Auditorium, Thunmulla, Colombo 5.

Khanfar will speak on "Arab Awakening - Birth of a New Political Paradigm". The event is organised by the Board of Governors of the Bakeer Markar Centre for National Unity.

Book launch

Prof. J.B. Disanayake's latest book, 'Encyclopaedia of Sinhala Language and Culture' will be launched on September 6 at 4 p.m. at the BMICH.

The volume, consisting of 25 essays arranged thematically and divided into encyclopaedic entries of equal length, is described as "Three Books in One": a grammar, dictionary and encyclopaedia, all pertaining to the Sinhala language. It is open to the public.

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The auspicious vegetables - reaping the harvest in the special enclosure at the National Youth Services Council precincts to coincide with the Government's Divi Neguma 1,000,000 Home Garden project was held recently, under the patronage of the Chairman of the NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The annual Ther (Chariot) festival of Arulmigu Sri Elangamkali Amman Kovil, Ratnam Road, Kotahena, Colombo 13 took place recently. Here the kovil priest Sri Skandaraja Kurukkal and the Trustees in front of the Chariot before the procession commenced.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Horana Pradeshiya Sabha organised a shramadana campaign at Gonapola town, Horana recently. Here the Chairman of the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusinghe and JVP and UNP representatives supervise the campaign.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Pupils of the Shakthi Illam Orphanage School in Ratmalana sing Bajans on the commemorative ceremony of the former chief trustee of the Thiruketheeswaram Hindu Temple, Mannar, the late Saiva Periyar E. Namasivayam at the All Ceylon Hindu Congress premises, Sir Chittampalam Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2 recently.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.