



The sixth Asia Pacific Regional Conference of the Cuban Friendship Society was held recently at the Central Bank Auditorium with the Speaker of Parliament Chamal Rajapaksa as the chief guest. Dinesh Gunawardena, Chairman of the Friendship Society, leader of the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP) Paksha and Minister of Water Supply and Drainage presided. Minister of the Cuban Government Careda Diyoga, Cuban Ambassador Narsia Castro and 22 representatives and several ministers were also present.

Pic: Colombo Central Thinakaran Cor., Mohomad Imittiyas.



Dayata Nuwan, the Provincial Literature Ceremony, organised by the Horana Divisional Secretariat was held at the Divisional Secretariat's auditorium recently. Here the special Upahara ceremony, Raygam Korala Rathna Wibhushana Sammana awarded only once in a life time, is being presented to the Chief Sanghanayaka of Raygam Salpiti Hewagam Koralaya, Ven. Horana Pagnnashekara Thera, by Senior Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Cor.



Wheelchairs were distributed among the differently abled at the Sri Narayanaguru Memorial Hall, Grandpass Colombo 14 recently, under the patronage of National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara organised by the Sri Narayana Guru Samajayam, Colombo branch, to mark the Guru's 158th birth anniversary. Samajayam President M.K. Rahulan, Secretary M. Jeyakumar and members participated.

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

EVENTS

Brooke Bonders get-together

The annual get-together of Brooke Bonders Sri Lankan Chapter will be held on November 10 from 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Steam Boat Restaurant, Nawala. The event is coordinated by Leo Wijesinghe (072-3332772) and Mohan Lal Pieris (0773647053)

Tribute to the legends

Dalreen, Sohan, Nochine, Ronnie, Yasmin and Damy-antha will pay tribute to the legends in song today at the Bishop's College auditorium. The concert will also feature Ivor Dennis in a tribute to Sunil Shantha and Damayantha will sing his tribute to Clarence Wijewardena.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Is it possible to end all sorrow?" delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Duwa Road, Beddegana today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre.

AGM of St. Aloysius OBA

The Annual General Meeting of St. Aloysius College, Ratnapura, Colombo branch OBA will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 9 a.m. at the Dampe Village, Piliyandala. The event is coordinated by Kanishka (0717-117363)

Cancer clinic on Nov 11

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7 will hold its next cancer screening clinic on November 11 from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. to screen for early detection of breast, cervical and oral cancer. All services are free.

OFFICE - BEARERS

All Ceylon Moor Ladies Association

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Navarathri Vizha 2012 organised by the Young Hindu Association, Kandy was held at the Association Hall recently. Here the Association's President R. Basgaran presents an award to Managing Director, Lucky Land Biscuits Co., R. Manoharan JP.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya TKN Cor.

International Award for Gunasekara

The International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) awarded the Elisabeth Pletscher Award-2012 to H.D.N. Gunasekara, retired Superintendent of Medical Laboratory Technology (ML), at the 30th World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science (BLS) in Berlin, Germany recently, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of Biomedical Laboratory Science. He is the first from Asia to receive this prestigious honour. The Japanese Association of Medical Technology was awarded the same in 2004. Gunasekara who had over 35 years of experience in research and education in the field of BLS, retired from public service as the Head of the School of MLT, Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya.

Text and Pic: Nanda Ekanayake, Kotte Central Gr. Cor.



The National Day of Saudi Arabia was held at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel recently. Here Ambassador Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahuman Al Jammaz with the Life General Secretary YMMA Mohamed Nagoorpichai, President of YMMA, S.M. Nazar and M. Roshan of Central Tennekumbura YMMA.

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



Students of Brilliant Stars International School donated food items to the elders at the Kekanadura Elders' Home, Matara to mark World Elders' Day. Here Shanaz Munas, a prefect presents a gift parcel to an elder. Art teacher Amarasena Kodituwakku and Sectional Head of the Secondary School M.S.M. Dahalan looks on.

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



The Additional Estate Manager of Raigam Estate, Ingiriya, Amila Randika entertained the young and the old to lunch in the estate. Over 300 people participated in the program.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Plastic chairs worth Rs. 50,000 were presented to the Kottawa Hatharaman Handiya Welfare Society by Provincial Councillor Salochana Gamage, out of his Provincial Council funds. Maharagama Urban Councillor Jagath Pathirana is also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



A Guru Upahara festival organised by Gamini Central College, Ingiriya was held at the school premises recently. Here a young teacher pays obeisance to a senior teacher.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A dance recital by Hindu student members of the Shri Ram Shrishti Dance School, Colombo was presented during the 'Golden Ring' award ceremony, organised by the Young Women's Muslim Association at the J.R. Jayewardene Cultural Centre, Colombo 7 recently.

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



World Mental Health Day was celebrated at the Base Hospital, Akkaraipattu, with the Medical Superintendent Dr. M.M. Thazim as the chief guest. Here Dr. M.J.M. Nawfel pins the badge.

Pic: L.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The weekly diabetic clinic organised by the Waralla Dissanayaka Ayurveda Hospital is held on Wednesdays. Here Dr. K.M. Priyantha with a patient.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



The Secretary to the Traditional Industries and Small Enterprises Development Ministry V. Sivagnanasothy presents the prestigious Award for the Best Dealer, S. Robinson on the occasion of the 15th A.G.M. and fellowship of Metal Industry, for the decade. The ceremony was held at Hotel Galadari organised by the Foundry Development and Services Institute recently.

Pic: A Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



An Upahara ceremony for retired labourers, who had served for over 35 years for the success of the Associated Lalan Rubber Industry (Pvt) Ltd, Illawatta Estate, Deraniyagala was held at the estate recently. Here the General Manager, Srinath Karunanayaka and Estate Manager, Prasan Bandara, the organisers and the G.M. Srinath Karunanayaka present a gift to a retired employee.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Azmi Mohamed, a member of the Puttalam district Tamil Journalists' Association receives a computer printer from Sanath Nishantha, Provincial Minister of Road Development, Housing, Electricity and Fisheries of NWP, on behalf of the Association.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Thinakaran Cor.



A veena recital organised by the Colombo Hindu Samaya Kalai Kalachara Valarchi Mandram was held to mark the Navarathri festival at the Colombo Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte recently. Here the event in progress.

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



Civil Aviation Minister Priyankara Jayaratne and NWP member Chinthaka Mayadunne inaugurate the water supply scheme at Mahakumbukadawala constructed at a cost of Rs. 20 million.

Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Thinakaran Cor.