



Minister of Tourism, Fisheries and Road Development of the Western Provincial Council Nimal Lanza donated sewing machines, fishing nets, theppan, bicycles and school equipment to the value of Rs 50 lakhs at the Munakkara Reception Hall, Negombo recently. Mrs. Lanza, Dayal Nilanga de Silva, MMC, Negombo with Mrs. Pushpa Rajapaksa, wife of Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Land affidavits were presented to residents of Mayurapura in Hambantota recently, at a ceremony at Siribopura. Here Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa presents an affidavit to a beneficiary of Siribopura while Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardana and Minister of Disaster Management Mahinda Amaraweera look on. Members of the Southern Provincial Council and the Chairman and members of the Hambantota Pradeshiya Sabha were also present.

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



Pandit Dr. W. D. Amaradeva, Ivor Dennis and Mrs. Manjula Manawasinghe were honoured at a function at Namel Punchi Theatre, Borella, organised by the past pupils of Sumana Balika Vidyalaya, Ratnapura resident in Colombo and the suburbs. The College was founded by Ven. Henpitagegoda Gnanaseeha Thera in 1952, and the College song was written by the late Sri Chandraratne Manawasinghe, melody composed by Pandit Amaradeva and the students trained by musician Ivor Dennis. Here the trio is being welcomed by Mrs. Manel Jayamanna, the convener of Old Sumanavians Guild, Colombo



The Panagoda Susila Community Water Project was commissioned by Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunewardena recently. Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha member Kamal Chandana, Chairman, All Ceylon Youth Association, Yadamini Gunewardena and Chairman, Community Water Project H.A. Premadasa were also present.

Pic: Mohamad Imtiyas, Colombo Central Tkn. Cor.



Sixty-eight employees of the National Housing Development Authority received promotion letters at the ICTAD office, Battaramulla recently. Here Minister of Engineering Services, Housing and Construction, Wimal Weerawansa presents the letter to one of the beneficiaries. Ministry Secretary Wimalasiri Perera and NHDA Chairman Jayantha Samaraweera are also in the picture.

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



Provincial Minister of Road Development, Electricity, Fisheries and Housing of the NWP, Sanath Nisantha Perera presents fishing gear to a fisherman at the Chilaw beach, under the fisheries subsidy scheme.

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



Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena presents a certificate to a student, at the SLIIT Awards ceremony at its Matara Centre at Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Matara.

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



The Sri Lanka Nidahas Sanskruthika Sanvidanaya (Sri Lanka Independent Cultural Association) implemented a life insurance scheme for its members at the Cultural University. recently, Here a veteran Ruhunu dancer Herbet Dayaseela receives his insurance card and policy from Cultural Affairs Minister T. B. Ekanayake. The Chairperson of the Association, Sunil Dissanayake and Secretary, Montague Sarathchandra look on.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Kalmunai-Lascdo Media Network Sri Lanka felicitated journalists at the Colombo Tamil Sangam recently. Here Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie in conversation with Ashraff A. Samad, a senior provincial correspondent in the Colombo district. Marthoor A. Majeed and Network President A. Anzar are also in the picture.

Pic: Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The tree-planting ceremony, organised by the People's Bank, Modera branch to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthday and the second anniversary of his second term of office, was held recently. Branch Manager Neil Kodikara, Grama Niladari H.B.S. Karunaratne and other officials participated.

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



A blood donation campaign organised by the youth of Hambantota was held at the Nimbarama temple, Hambantota recently. Here a youth donates blood.

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



A large number of families has been displaced at Wedihinda in Kaduwela due to floods caused by the Kelani River. Here Western Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmagne and Municipal Councillor of Kaduwela Manoj Bethmagne distribute dry rations among those affected.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Dullas Alahapera lights the oil lamp at the opening of the Fire Brigade Unit of the Municipal Council, Matara recently.

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



The Directors and members of the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia YMBA received drugs worth Rs. 72,000 and dry rations, toys and milk foods to the value of Rs.142,000 at the Maharagama Cancer Hospital. Here a medical officer receives the gift from a member of the YMBA.



Clothes and foods were distributed among low income family groups was held at the Sri Gnana Bairawar Swamy Kovil, Grandpass, Colombo 14 recently, under the patronage of the President's Co-ordinator for Hindu Religious Affairs, Balaravishankarak Kurukkal. The event was held to mark President's birthday and the second anniversary of the second term in office. Western Provincial Councillor Naufer Fowzie is also in the picture.

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



A ceremony to distribute school books and dry rations to needy families in Wattala, to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthday and the second anniversary of his second term of office was held recently. Here Manager, Wattala Urban Development Program, Manjula Lalith Thilakasekara presents a parcel of books to a child. Chairman, Wattala Urban Council, H.M. Naushad is also in the picture.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Negombo office of the Veterinary Department conducted a sterilisation program for stray dogs and cats recently. The program was conducted free and sponsored by the World Society for Protection of Animals and the Human Society International. Here Veterinary Surgeon Dr. (Mrs.) Sujiva Priyanthi assisted by Sumith Bandara, sterilising a stray dog.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Residents of Puttalam participate in a mobile service organised by the Provincial Minister of Road Development, Electricity, Fisheries and Housing of NWP Sanath Nisantha Perera, in collaboration with Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council and SLFP chief organiser of the Puttalam electorate K. A. Baiz at the Puttalam Town Hall.

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



Hambantota District Development Committee Chairman Namal Rajapaksa MP and Hambantota Mayor Eravindra Fernando inspect the development progress in the Hambantota town.

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



The Jak Development Foundation launched a program to plant 50,000 jak saplings islandwide, to coincide with the Tree Planting Campaign, 'Deyaka Seven', conducted by the State. The inaugural ceremony was held recently at the BMICH. Here the Secretary to the Prime Minister C. Amarasekera plants a jak sapling. Secretary to the Jak Development Foundation Ariyapala Gamage and the Assistant Director of Environment Ministry Mrs. Nilmini Wikramasekera were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Raigam Detu Purawasi Upahara organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Horana was held at the Secretariat auditorium recently. Here students perform at the ceremony. Senior Minister Rathnasiri Wickramanayake and Kalutara District Parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The 150th birth commemoration of the Saiva saint Swamy Vivekananda organised by the Hindu Swayam Sevaka Sangam was held recently. Here the devotees in front of the Swamy Vipulananda's portrait before the commencement of the procession from the Sri Ponnambalam Waneswarar kovil, Kochchikade, Kotahena to the Vivekananda Hall, Ginthupitiya.

Pic: A Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Muslim Marriage Registrar of Colombo District Al Haj Katheeb Nagoor Rahim released the Darul Shiffa Islamic Calendar Hجري 1434 Muharram at Al Hidayah Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar receives the first copy from Nagoor Rahim. Moulavi Abdul Jabbar, Moulavi M.S.A. Yehiya and Kalai Kamal are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook