



A two-day workshop and training discussion was held recently for pre-school teachers in Maharagama at the Divisional Secretariat. Here Wasana Sewwandhi of 'Little Wonders' Pre-School receives her certificate from Water Supply and Drainage Minister, Dinesh Gunawardane. Urban Councillor Pradeep Liyanage, Jagath Pathirana, Dr. Kamal Jayasekara (Resource person) and Divisional Secretary Mrs. Buddhi Tharanga Karunasena are also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Two commemorative postal stamps to mark Christmas 2012 were issued at the Christ Church, Modera, Colombo 15 recently organised by the Christian Church Affairs Department and the Postal Department. Here the First Day cover is being presented by Director, Philatelic Bureau, T. Shreeharan to Colombo Diocese Bishop (Lanka Council), Rt. Rev. Dhiloran, R. Canagasabay. Promotion Officer, K.A.U.R. Kariyapperuma looks on.

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



Well-known science writer and astronomer Vidyakeerthi Anura C. Perera's latest book on Buddhism, *Sambudu Dahama* (Questions and Answers) was released at the Sarasavi auditorium, Nugegoda recently. Here he presents the first copy to Ven. Ahangama Ananda Thera, Viharadhipathi of Sri Vijeyarama temple, Wellawatte. Dr. Hemantha Benaragama, Jayanath Wijenayake, Ven. Deundara Dammarucho Thera, Viharadhipathi of Sri Vijeyarama temple, Rajagiriya, astrologer Wimal Weeraratne, Premasiri Haputhanthri, Managing Director of Sarasavi Publishers, Nugegoda, Mrs. Nalini Weeraman and Kamal Abeyasinghe are also in the picture.



Employees of the Ceylon Electricity Board with exceptional talents in music, dance, drama, art and culture were felicitated at a function recently at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre. Minister of Power and Energy Patali Champika Ranawaka was the chief guest. Here an employee H.D. Hemantha receives an award from the Deputy Minister of Power and Energy Premalal Jayasekera. Chairman, Prof. Wimaladharmabeywickrema and General Manager, Nihal Wickramasooriya were also present.



A 'Clean-up' program sponsored by the UNOPS-ERP, with the co-operation of Kalmunai Municipal Council was launched in Kalmunai, to keep the city clean and free from environmental pollution, with the Mayor Siraz Meerassahib as chief guest. Here UNOPS-ERP's Capacity Building and Operations Manager, Ana B. Sacramento briefs the participants. Mayor Meerassahib and UNOP's Program Communications and Monitoring Officer R. Suthakaran with the Council members, Council staff, Environmental police, members of the business community and UNOPS-ERP staff are also in the picture.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Ms Indira Lopez, the newly appointed Ambassador of Cuba in Sri Lanka paid a courtesy call on Minister of Water Supply and Drainage, Dinesh Gunawardena at the Parliament Complex, Sri Jayawardenapura recently.

Pic: Mohamad Intiyas, Colombo Central Tkn. Cor.



The 28th program of Islamic devotional songs, *Geeth Raath* featuring SLBC and SLRC artiste and popular singer Kalaik Kamal was held recently at the J. R. Jayewardene Centre, Colombo 7. Here the founder of Khalid Foundation, Imran Khalid who was also honoured is greeted by the chief guest Parliamentarian Al Haj A.H.M. Azwer. Al Haj A.B. Abdul Kaiyoom and Hashim Omar are also in the picture.



The international conference on "Islam and development for a better future," jointly organised by the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and the Department of the Theology and Philosophy, University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia was held at the auditorium of the Faculty of Management and Commerce, Oluvil campus. Here the acting Vice Chancellor Dr. M.I.S. Safeena, the chief guest delivers the keynote address (right).

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



UAE Ambassador, Abdul Hamid A.K. Al Mulla cuts the cake at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during the 41st National Day celebrations at the Hotel Taj Samudra recently. National Heritage Minister, Jagath Balasooriya and officials are also in the picture.

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



A saree-printing course was conducted by the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat, with funds from the Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmage for self-employment - seeking women in Hokandara. Here Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmage presents printing equipment to a trainee on completion of her course. Kaduwela Urban Councillor Manoj Bethmage and Chairman, Hokandara Community Centre, Dharmika Amarathunga are also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Consultant to the Stallion Plantations Ashok Pandey which manages two premier estates, Waldemar and the Gordon Group of Estates in the Udapussellawa Plantations presents gifts and mementos to its workforce, in appreciation of their output of work, at a felicitation ceremony held recently.

Pic: P. Rajaratnam in Nuwara Eliya.



Transport Minister Kumara Ekwama donated a tent and chairs from his personal funds to the Eksath Three - wheeler Association at Central Junction, Kalutara recently. Western Provincial Councillor Chandrabanu Adikaram, Ekela Bus Company Chairman Neil Karunarathne look on.

Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Daily News Spl. Cor.



The Ceylon Hardware Merchants' Association unanimously elected S.T.S. Arulanathan as President for 2012-2013. Here the Chief Trustee of the Mayurapathy Badrakali Amman Devasthanam, T. Suntharalingam congratulates Arulanathan while the Vice President, T. Senaratne looks on.



Indigasthuduwa Temple Road in Matugama was concreted at a cost of Rs. one million recently. Here the Western Provincial Councillor Chandrabanu Adikaram unveils the plaque. Pradeshiya Sabha member Sriyananda Wickremathanthri looks on.

Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Daily News Spl. Cor.



Attorney-at-Law M.U.M. Ali Sabry who was appointed President's Counsel was felicitated by the Dharul Hiqma Academy, Kalutara recently. Here Dr. M.Z.M. Malhardeen, Senior Lecturer of Mathematics, University of Moratuwa, the guest of honour presents a memento to Sabry. M. Athas Roomy, Director of the academy looks on.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor, M.M.M. Amjad opened the newly constructed road at Chamara Uyana, Payagala recently. Vice Chairman, Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha, Kusman de Silva is also in the picture.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The Sri Lanka-Republic of Korea Association held its 41st Annual General Meeting and the annual get-together recently. Here the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Jongmoon Choi lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the function. President, Prof. Daya Edirisinghe, Secretary, Upali S. Jayasekera and Ex-co Member K. Jayakumar were also present.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe



The 150th birth commemoration of Swamy Vivekananda was held at the Kandy Hindu Cultural Hall recently. Here (from left): Asst. High Commissioner of India, A. Natarajan, Minister of Education (Tamil) of the Central Province Mrs. Anusha Sivarajan and Central Province Additional Director (Tamil) P.S. Sathes.

Pic: D. Vasantha Kumar, Nawalapitiya Tkn Cor.,

EVENTS

AGM and Fellowship of ORCBA

The Annual General Meeting and Fellowship of Old Royalists' Cadet Band Association (ORCBA) will be held on December 22 at 6 p.m. at the Palm Beach Hotel, Mt. Lavinia.

The event is coordinated by Udayadeepa (0777303480), Duminda (0777400030) or Suneth (0777325118).

Law book launch on Dec 17

A law book on 'Deeds its validity and the public' authored by a leading lawyer practising in Colombo, Gampaha and the outstations courts for the past 44 years, Gamini Cabral will be launched at the auditorium of the Sri Lanka Bar Association, Mihindu Mawatha, Colombo 13 on December 17 at 3.30 p.m.

Educational exhibition at Padukka

'Siri Piyaratana Vidyalaya Navodaya', an educational exhibition and trade fair organised by the students of Padukka Siri Piyaratana Vidyalaya will be held from December 26 to 30 at the Padukka Pradeshiya Sabha playground.

It is organised to raise funds for 'Suwa Sevana' housing project of schoolchildren for low income families.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Can we live without identifying?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m.

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

Rukada Rajjya on Dec. 19

Dramatist D. Kumara's 'Rukada Rajjya' in aid of the Abhimansala and Army Welfare will be staged on December 19 at 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. at the Maharagama Youth Theatre.

It is organised by the Seva Vanitha Unit of the Sri Lanka Army's Engineering Corps.

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The Principal of St. Thoma's Girls High School, Matara, Mrs. R. S. Pathirana was selected as the Best Principal of the Southern Province recently. Here the Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena presents an award at a felicitation ceremony at the College.

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



A function to felicitate Inquirers into Sudden Deaths in the Southern province, organised by the Southern Provincial Council was held recently at the Solis Hotel, Matara. Here the Southern province Chief Minister Shan Wijaya Lal de Silva presents an award to an Inquirer into Sudden Deaths.

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



A devotional musical program titled, *Bakthi Innisai Malai* by Kalai Mamani Dr. R. Ganesh, organised by the Sri Varatharaja Vinayagar kovil, Kotahena, Colombo 15 was held at the Kotahena Iyangan Hall recently. Here the recital is in progress.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The foundation stone for the proposed three - storied building of the Ishathul Islam Children's Development Centre, Dharga town was laid recently, funded by Sakkath Fund of Kuwait, by President of the Centre M.Z.M. Badiudeen. As Sheikh Aboobakar Sideek was also present.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The annual Shazuliya Manakib Majlis of Umma Zaviya, M.J.M. Lafir Mawatha, Colombo 12, was held recently. Kalefas Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed Alim (Bahji) and Moulavi S.A.M. Maza Alim (Bahji) are also in the picture.

Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.)