



The annual Arts Festival of the Maharagama Urban Council was held recently under the patronage of First Lady Mrs. Shiranthi Rajapaksa at the Sri Lanka Youth Theatre, Maharagama. Here Chairman/Director General, NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera lights the oil lamp. Chairwoman UC, Maharagama, Mrs. Kanthi Kodikara is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor*



A seminar on state land Management Information System for the Western Province was held at the NADA auditorium recently, sponsored by ICTA. Here Presidential Secretary, Lalith Weeratunga presents an Ipad to a Divisional Secretary in the Colombo District. Chief Secretary of Western Province and Secretary of Provincial Land Ministry Jayanthi Wijethunga was also present.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairman of Lakvanitha Peramuna, Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage organised a function to distribute agriculture equipment to needy farmers in Nawalapitiya recently. Here Mrs. Kongahage presents a mamotty to a beneficiary. Pradeshiya Sabha members Mahinda Gunasekera, Sarath Ratnasiri, M.H.M. Naizer look on.



Sumudu Madhusha Dissanayake of Rawatawatte, Moratuwa takes oaths as Attorney-at-Law before Justice Shiranee Thilakawardane and two other Supreme Court Judges recently. Sumudu, LLB graduate of the University of London, is a past pupil of Musaeus College, Colombo and the only daughter of Attorneys-at-Law Dr. D.M. Karunaratna and Mrs. Rohini Wijesooriya.



The eleventh Annual General Meeting Panadura United Traders' Association was held recently at the Wadduwa Holiday Resort. Here the chief guest U.D.L. Jayalal District Secretary, Kalutara lights the oil lamp. President, Sisira Kumara, Panadura Divisional Secretary, K.G. Wijedasa are also in the picture.  
*Pic: Panadura Gr. Cor. Kapila Somaratne*



Dr. Nimal Sedera presented his first copy of the latest book "Titanic" to Kalakeerthi Edwin Ariyadasa at his residence in Narahepita recently. The book in Sinhala was written to mark the hundred years of the Titanic disaster. Mrs. Swarna Sedera is also in the picture. "Titanic" is a Sarasavi publication.



The National Bodybuilding Fitness Culture Federation of Sri Lanka was registered recently at the Department of Culture. Here the Director of Cultural Affairs Vijith Kanugala presents the registration certificate to the Chairman of the Federation Instructor Thilak Jayaweera. Deputy Chairman Gamini De Silva is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



The Akkaraipattu Municipal Council organised a tree-planting campaign, under the Dayata Sevana program at the Akkaraipattu Athaula Arangam recently. Here the chief guest, Mayor Athaula Ahamed Zackie hoists the national flag. K.L.M. Zarook MMC and other officials look on.  
*Pic: L.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Tamil book Mannil Verodiya Manasodu compiled by Yaal Azeem was launched recently at the S.de S. Jayasinghe Hall, Dehiwela with Parliamentarian A.H.M. Azwer chairing the event. Here Azwer presents a copy to the Assistant Director, Export Development Authority, Dr. Yusuf K. Marikkar. Author and veteran writer Kalawathy Kaleel is also in the picture.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The first Novena of St. Anthony's Church, Wattala was held recently. Here Rev. Fr. Basil Wickramasinghe, Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Krishan Jayashantha, members of St. Anne's Society, Wattala with the statue, before the commencement of the service.  
*Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.,*



Thilini Perera (23) of Kurana, Negombo was adjudged winner of the "Excellent Young Chef 2012" at the Sri Lanka Youth National Excellence Top 20 Award ceremony at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama, under the patronage of Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Dullas Alahapperuma. Thilini, a past pupil of Ave Maria Convent, Negombo, excelled in higher studies in the Culinary Arts at the Ceylon Hotel School and Prima Baking Centre where she obtained two diplomas. Here Thilini receives the award from the Chairman/Director General Lalith Piyum Perera.  
*Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.*



The foundation stone was laid for a new office complex for the Matugama Divisional Secretariat recently, at an estimated cost of Rs. 70 m. Here the Kalutara District Secretary U.D.C. Jayalal unveils the plaque while Transport Minister Kumara Welgama and Western Provincial Councillor Chandrabanu Adikaram look on.  
*Pic: K.K.D. Premalal, Matugama Spl. Cor.*



The YMBA, Matara branch distributed dry food rations among flood victims in the Matara and Hambantota districts recently. Here the President Gunasoma Wickramasingha presents a parcel to a student in the Malay Colony, Ambalantota. Secretary Ayur. Dr. Nelson Ranasinghe is also in the picture.  
*Pic: A.W. Gunawardhena, Matara Central Cor.*



The Scout Committee of Zahira College, Colombo organised the Scout Day at the College premises recently. Here the Chairman of the Committee, M.F.S. Muheed receives a memento from the Chief Scout Commissioner, Prof. Nimal De Silva. M.A.J. Doole is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The Central Provincial Council members headed by the Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa paid tribute to former Central Province Governor, the late P.C. Imbulana at the PC sessions held recently. Here Kobbekaduwa with the late Governor's niece, Charnika Imbulana Munasinghe, after handing over a copy of the Hansard containing the speeches at his office in Kandy. D.W. Wijegoonawardena, the Private Secretary to the late Governor Imbulana is also in the picture.



Eighty - one principals of the Sri Lanka Principals Service were appointed to the Western Province recently. Here a principal receives the Letter of Appointment from WPC Governor Asseyid Alavi Moulana. WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and Provincial Councillor Merrill Perera look on.  
*Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



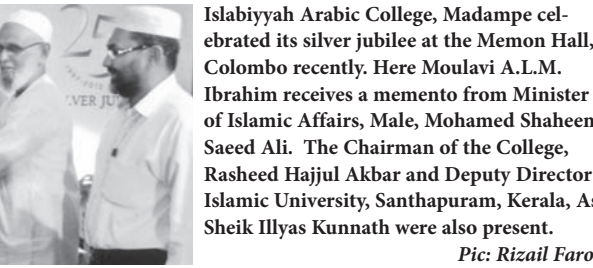
Outstanding Youth officers of the National Youth Services Council were presented motorcycles at the annual get-together recently at the National Youth Centre, Maharagama in recognition of their performances. Here a Youth Officer, Maresh Thilakarathne receives the key of the vehicle from the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma. Deputy Minister Duminda Dissanayake and Director General NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera were also present.  
*Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.*



Irazan Mohamed of China Fort, Beruwala, a social worker presented 110 pairs of spectacles to the Dr. Azeem, Chief Executive Director General of Human Rights Public Service Foundation, in Colombo recently. The gift was provided by Mrs. Helga from Munich, Germany. Mohamed Ihsan is also in the picture.  
*Pic: Beruwala spl. Cor.*



The Dagampitiya Kandegedera Road in the Ambagamuwa DS division which was constructed by the Ambagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha at a cost of Rs. 12,500,000, was opened by the Central Provincial Minister of Tamil Education, Sports and Industries Mrs. Anushiya Sivaraja recently. Here Mrs. Sivaraja with the Co-ordinating Secretary to Minister Thondaman A.G. Ariyadasa (second from left) and the chairman of the Ambagamuwa PS, Vellayan Dinesh (3rd from left).  
*Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.*



Islabiyyah Arabic College, Madampe celebrated its silver jubilee at the Memon Hall, Colombo recently. Here Moulavi A.L.M. Ibrahim receives a memento from Minister of Islamic Affairs, Male, Mohamed Shaheen Saeed Ali. The Chairman of the College, Rasheed Hajjul Akbar and Deputy Director Islamic University, Santhapuram, Kerala, Ash Sheik Illyas Kunnath were also present.  
*Pic: Rizail Farook*

## EVENTS

### Lecture on Freshwater fish

Deputy Director of Sri Lanka Customs and a law enforcing officer in fauna and flora and the author of the publication 'Export Trade' of indigenous freshwater fish of Sri Lanka, Samantha Gunasekara will deliver a lecture on "Freshwater Fish of Sri Lanka", their export trade and conservation", under the auspices of the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Sri Lanka at the Organisation of Professional Association of Sri Lanka (OPA), Prof. Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, off Baddhaloka Mw, Colombo 7 on January 31 at 6.00 p.m.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Tomorrow is the root of fear" 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.

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The Sri Lanka Book Publishers' Association felicitated Dayawansa Jayakody for completing 50 years in book publishing. Here the Association Chairman Ranjith Samaranayake (right) hands over the award to Dayawansa Jayakody. Deshabandu Sirisumana Godage (centre) also received an award for his services to the book publishing industry.



A tree planting campaign was organised by the Kelaniya Divisional Secretariat at the Kelani River basin in Kelaniya recently, on an initiative by the Kelaniya Divisional Secretary Mrs. W.M.V. Wijeratne.  
*Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.*



Former Principal of Beruwala Z.A.M. Reffi Hajiyyar, Muslim Maha Vidyalaya, Majeed Mohamed who retired recently, was felicitated by the Principal M.Z.M. Ashraff. Here SDS Secretary Al Haj M.L.M. Deen drapes a shawl around Mohammed.  
*Pic: G.M.M. Iqbal, Beruwala Gr. Cor.*