



Ven. Korase Mahinda Thera, a former teacher at Sri Visuddharama Pirivena, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 was felicitated by the Department of Education recently. Here the well - known book publisher Dayawansa Jayakody presents the award to Ven. Korase Mahinda Thera at a felicitation ceremony at the Pirivena recently.



The Colombo YMBA Dhamma School held a teachers' workshop recently at the Divisional Secretariat, Kuliyapitiya West. Here President Suren Abeyagoonasekera lights the oil lamp. President of Sasanarakshaka Balamandalaya, Kuliyapitiya West, General Secretary Ven. Magulagama Upatissa Thera, Ven. Walakumburumulle Sumangala Thera, *Lekhakadikari* Sumedha Amerasinghe, Board Member Anura Serasinghe are also in the picture.



A medical clinic was conducted by the Medical Officers Guild of the Western Coast at Sandalankawa. Here ophthalmologist, Dr. Liyahudeen examines S.D.M. Mangalika of Sandalankawa. President of the Medical Officers Guild Western Coast, Dr. Laksham Wijesooriya, Ven. Yalagama Anuradha Thera, Dr. Irasha Dasanayaka and Dr. Prasanna Dissanayaka look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe (left), co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace and Chairman of the Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND), Colombo with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Phillip of Belgium (right) and Antonio Di Giulio, Director General, European Commission, at the recent Brussels Sustainable Development Summit, where Prof.Munasinghe delivered the keynote speech.



Well known radio and TV presenter and journalist Srimath Indrajith Liyanage's 25th literary creation, Prabashwara Jeevithaya was launched at the Sambuddhatwa Jayanthi Mandiraya, Colombo recently. Here he presents the maiden copy to Prof.J.B. Disanayake.



The Chairman of the Panadura Urban Council, Nandana Gunatilleka lays the foundation stone for a two-storeyed building for a clinic at Nalluruwa, Panadura.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



A member of the Board of Directors of the National Youth Services Council and a tutorial staffer at Ananda Vidyalyaya Colombo R.L. Ellawala has been appointed National Director of the National Youth Awards Authority by the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma. Here Ellawala assumes duties. Chairman/Director General of the NYSE Lalith Pium Perera, Working Director Milinda Rajapaksa and Director (Administration) Munula Perera were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl.Cor.



The annual exhibition *The Sethawaka Abimana* was held at Siri Priyarathana Vidyalaya, Padukka recently. Here the chief guest Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa receives the Award of appreciation from the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena.

Pic: Colombo Central Thinakaran, Mohomad Imithiyaz



A.L.M. Saboor who retired recently as Manager of the Bank of Ceylon, Thambiluvil branch was felicitated for his services in the banking field for over 35 years as an officer and Manager. Here Saboor is being felicitated by officials of the Thirukovil Traders' Union recently. Mrs. Saboor also participated.

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



A meeting to discuss city beautification was held at the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently, presided over by the Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie. Divisional Secretary, Akkaraipattu M.Y. Saleem and officials of the Urban Development Authority also participated.

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



The Centre for Information Resources Management (CIRM) of the Chief Secretary's Secretariat, Eastern Provincial Council conducted a workshop on 'Good Governance' for Local Government staff in the Eastern Province. Here P. Tharsini explains some finer points in good governance to a staffer at the Akkaraipattu Athaulla Arangam.

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



The Rural Disaster Management Centre in Akkaraipattu Division No. 6 was opened recently. Here Asst. Divisional Secretary, Akkaraipattu M.S.M. Razan opens the Centre. Mayor of Akkaraipattu A. Ahamed Zackie, MMC, N.M. Najimudeen, Asst. Director of the Disaster Management Centre, Ampara A.S.M. Ziyad and Project Director, CARE Sri Lanka Thusitha Jayawardana are also in the picture.

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Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Sarath Amunugama launched the new website on consumer dispute resolution system of the Public Utilities Commission recently, at the BMICH. Here the Chairman of the Commission Dr. Jayatissa de Costa presents the book titled "Outlook 2013" to the Minister.



The 150th birth anniversary celebration of the Saiva saint Swamy Vivekananda was held at the Society hall, Kotahena under the patronage of the Indian High Commissioner, Asok K. Kantha recently organised by the Vivekananda Society and the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC). Here the chief guest and the invitees perform religious rites before the commencement. Head of Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo Swamy Saruva Rupananda Maharaj, Rishi Thondunathan Swamigal, President, Vivekananda Society E. Surendran PC are in the picture.

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



A seminar on "Improving the mental well-being of mentally distressed people" was held at the Ballarat University Campus, Colombo 3 recently, organised by the Cross Cultural Understanding Initiative. Here Dr. J. Rajendra delivers the keynote address. Prof. Subash Chawla, Dr. M.Kanesan and Prof. Gunapala Nanayakkara look on. The seminar was convened by N. Kumarakuruparan.



The Award and Certificates ceremony organised by the China Fort Foundation was held at Hijira Hall, China Fort, Beruwala recently. Here Mrs. Ameena Faiz Musthafa presents a certificate to a recipient.

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



The Islamic Centre for Physically Handicapped, Thihariya opened a children's playground recently. Here Economic Development Ministry Coordinating Secretary, M. Madigasekera and ITN Director Hashim Omar open the playground. Western Provincial Councillor Sandya Siriwardena and Director of the Centre Jiffry Haniffa are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Can the human mind be completely free of fear?' 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.

Free seminar on 'Graphics and Multimedia' at SLPI

The Sri Lanka Institute of Printing (SLPI) has organised a workshop cum seminar on "Graphic Design and Multimedia Education" on February 10 from 8.30 am to 2.30 pm at the Institute's premises.

The seminar will to give an exposure and understanding on the use of essential graphic software packages used in the industry and guide school - leavers and professionals who wish to gain knowledge in graphic designing skills.

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The Tamil poetry book *Aathmavin Pun* compiled by the Medical Superintendent of Kethumathi Maternity Hospital, Dr. M.H. Asaad was launched recently at the Marine Grand Reception Hall recently. Here the chief guest, Minister of Industries Rishad Badiudeen presents the first copy to Dr. Abdul Kaiyoom. Dr. M.H. Asaad is also in the picture.

Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Central Provincial Council member Rizvi Farook, Provincial Director of Education (Muslim Unit), N.M. Nazeer and Assistant Director of Education (Tamil), Neethi Rajah hoist the National, Provincial and the school flags at a ceremony to welcome the Grade 1 students to Al-Munawwara Primary School, Madawala Bazaar at the Ashroff Memorial auditorium recently.

Pic: H.A. Shakoor, Pathadumbara Spl. Cor.



The Faizal-E-Madina at Messen Street, Colombo organised the Meelad procession recently. Here the organisers parade the streets.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Ummu Zaviya Mosque, Colombo 12 organised the 110th Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations at the Mosque recently. Kaleefa-thush Shazuli J. Abdul Hameed, Moulavi M. Riyal and the Ulamas were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A title deed-donation for people in the Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat Division was held at the Akkaraipattu Central College auditorium recently. Here District Secretary, Ampara, Neil de Alwis, presents a deed to a beneficiary. Mayor of Akkaraipattu A. Ahamed Zackie, Chairman, Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha M.A. Razeek and Divisional Secretary, Akkaraipattu M.Y. Saleem are also in the picture.

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