

Pictorial



The anniversary cake was from Galadari Hotel

85th anniversary celebrations of the SUNDAY OBSERVER



The Editor-in-Chief Sunday Observer, Dinesh Weerawansa welcomes the guests and staff at the commencement of the celebrations

It was a simple, but a memorable moment for all when the *Sunday Observer* celebrated its 85th anniversary under the distinguished patronage of three of its former Chief Editors, along with ANCL's Director Editorial Seelaratne Senerath and Director Operations Upul Dissanayake.

Former *Sunday Observer* Editors, Jayatilleke de Silva, Lakshman Gunasekera and Rajpal Abeynayake (who is also the current Editor of the *Daily News*), who were invited to grace the occasion, cut the *Sunday Observer* anniversary cake. Editor-in-Chief of the *Sunday Observer* Dinesh Weerawansa, in his welcome address, said it was a significant achievement for the *Sunday Observer* to remain as Sri Lanka's flagship English newspaper with the largest circulation for eight-and-a-half decades at a time when the newspaper industry the world over is facing many challenges. He thanked all former Editors and staffers who have been behind the success story of the *Sunday Observer*. Director Editorial, Senerath said that the ANCL remains the No. 1 Government media institution that generates the highest revenue under the chairmanship of veteran media personality, Bandula Padmakumara.

He added that the *Sunday Observer* should

consider the bulk of that task, generating half of the total ANCL revenue. General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa recalled the proud history of the *Sunday Observer* and the humble beginnings of the *Ceylon Observer* initiated by ANCL founder, the late D.R. Wijewardene way back in 1835.

He said the *Sunday Observer* has gone from strength to strength since 1928. Chief Administrative Officer (Editorial) Rohana Aryaratne, Chief Editor of our sister paper *Silumina*, Karunadasa Sooriyarachchi, Company Secretary, Kumudu Gunawardena, Senior DGM, Kamal Wijesuriya, DGM (Marketing), Waruna Mallawaarachchi, DGM (Administration), Narada Sumanaratne, DGM (Pre Press), M.O. Jayah, DGM (Finance), V.S. Bois, Deputy CAO, P. Pushpika, *Sunday Observer* Advertising Manager, Roy Jayasinghe, Company Doctor, Mrs. P. Mallikaarachchi and Editors of ANCL periodicals, Heads of Divisions, Managers and journalists were among those who graced the occasion.

Our special thanks go out to Galadari Hotel and Cinnamon Lakeside for providing us with the cakes for the occasion.

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Director Editorial ANCL Seelaratne Senerath lights the traditional oil lamp at the auspicious time while Director Operations, Upul Dissanayake Looks on



General Manager ANCL, Abhaya Amaradasa addresses the gathering



Former Editors of the *Sunday Observer*, Rajpal Abeynayake and Jayatilleke de Silva cut the cake while Director Editorial, Seelaratne Senerath and Director Operations, Upul Dissanayake look on



Former Editor of the *Sunday Observer*, Jayatilleke de Silva offers a piece of cake to Director Editorial, Seelaratne Senerath



Former Editor of the *Sunday Observer*, Lakshman Gunasekera with Editor-in-Chief, Dinesh Weerawansa and *Daily News* Editor, Rajpal Abeynayake



Chief Editor of *Silumina*, Karunadasa Sooriyarachchi



Chief Administrative Officer (Editorial), Rohana Aryaratne



Outgoing Senior Associate Editor, *Sunday Observer*, Pramod de Silva



Company Secretary Kumudu Gunawardena



Chief Librarian K.P.G. Kumarasiri, Head of Treasury, D.M. Dhanasena and Chief Cashier, Ajith Fernando



Daily News Features Editor, Samangie Wettamuni is in the centre



Senior DGM, Kamal Wijesuriya and Head of Operations and Welfare, Mahendra Rodrigo



Jayampathy Jayasinghe with Associate Editors R.S. Karunaratne and Dudley Jansz



Advertising Manager, Roy Jayasinghe, Supp. Manager, Anton Seneviratne, DGM (Finance), V.S. Bois and DGM (Marketing), Waruna Mallawaarachchi



Jaliya, Nandana, Lalin, Navin, Kodagoda and Balquis Rizvi



Chief Sub Editor Indunil Thenuwara flanked by Dhaneshi Yatawara (L) and Fahima Farisz (R)



Uditha Kumarasinghe, Chinthaka Balasuriya, Asitha Bamunuarachchi and Ranil Wijayapala



Fahiriya and Dehina