



The Buddhist Society of Lake House presented gifts to the children of ANCL employees who had excelled at the GCE O/L examination in 2011. Here Madhya Kaumadi Chathurya Pathirage of Hillwood College, Kandy addresses the awards ceremony presided over by ANCL Chairman, Bandula Padmakumara. Director Editorial Seelaratne Senarath, CAO Rohana Aryaratne and *Dinamina* Editor Gamini Jayalath are also in the picture.



The Ranagiraw Children and Youth Society, Nawalapitiya organised a function, under the patronage of Sarath Ratnasiri member of Pradeshiya Sabha, Pasbage Korale, at Anuradha Kumara Kashishta Vidyalaya recently. Here Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson of Lakwanitha Peramuna and Nawalapitiya UNP chief organiser Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage, the chief guest presents a gift to a member.



A program was launched by the Samadhi Community Development Foundation and the Japan-Sri Lanka Friendship Association self-employment projects for low-income families in the Matara district recently. Here the Presidents of the Foundation, Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana and the Friendship Association, Dr. Lal Thilakarathne present equipment to women in Pasgoda division in Hakmana.



The book launch “A Lifetime in Tourism” authored by former Tourist Board Chairman, H.M.S. Samaranyake was held recently at the Tourist Board Auditorium. Senior Minister D.E.W. Gunasekara, Lionel Fernando and Kusumsiri Balapatabendi were also present. Here Samaranyake presents the book to Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Sarath Amunugama.



‘Top 20’, the Youth Excellence Awards festival organised by the National Youth Services Council (NYSC) was held recently at the Sri Lanka Youth Centre, Maharagama. Here the Excellent Youth volunteer Srimal Liyanage (A Youth Parliament Member) receives his award certificate and Rs. 100,000 cash from Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma. Chairman and Director General of NYSC Lalith Piyum Perera is also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Babies born in Negombo at the Negombo Hospital from the first to the seventh of this month received an *Isuru Udana* savings book with the initial deposit of Rupees five hundred paid by the Banks. Here Mrs. Anusha Damayanthi (31) of Wennappuwa receives the savings book from veteran singer and stage actor Rodney Warnakula. Gamanai Rathnayaka of the Western Zone 1 of the People’s Bank and Negombo Branch Manager Ananda Fernando look on.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The new admissions and welcome ceremony for new entrants to the Ocean University, Maitakkuliya, Colombo 15 was held recently, under the patronage of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Alahapperuma. Here the chief guest and invitees stand to attention for the National Anthem. Rev. Fr. X.N.E. Kurukulasooriya, Prof. Ranjith Senaratne and Attorney-at-Law F.M. Henricus are also in the picture.

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



Sri Lanka Insurance, Divulapitiya began its business for the New Year with a ceremony. Here Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Indika Anuruddha presents an insurance policy to the Insurance Advisor Lalitha Jayasekara. Sales Manager, Sami Kumarasinghe is also in the picture.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



Ran Kekulu account holders of the Bank of Ceylon, Ragama Branch received toys at a function at the Lourdes Reception Hall, Ragama recently organised by the Branch Manageress, Ragama Mrs. N.T. Warnasuriya and the staff.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Veteran author A.H.W. Pieris launched a new book *Podi Ralahami* at the Walawwa Reception Hall, Homagama recently. Here Pieris presents the first copy to Lion Gamini Jayasinghe.

Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.



A meeting to remember Al-Haj M.A. Samsudeen, a well-known educationist and social worker of the Ampara district who passed away recently, was held with a recital of *Kathamul Quran* and special *Thuwa* at the Addalaichenai New Lanka Medicals auditorium under the patronage of the proprietor of New Lanka Medicals Al-Haj M.A. Subaideen. Here Al-Haj Subaideen releases the first copy of a souvenir to Batticaloa District Judge As-Sheikh N.M. Abdullah (right). Poet Anpudeen looks on.

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



Health Minister and General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party Maithreepala Sirisena opened the Health Services building complex and Clinic Room, at Thalpitaya, Wadduwa recently. Here Minister Sirisena signs the Family Health Services Book. Minor Export Crops Development Minister Reginald Cooray and WP Health Services Minister Jagath Angage look on.

Pic: H.L. Sumil Shantha Kalutara Daily News Cor.



Cultural Affairs Minister T.B. Ekanayake took part in the preliminary talks to hold the “Tissa Abeysekera Sameepa Rupa” felicitation ceremony, organised by the Tele Makers Guild at Savusiripaya recently. National Film Corporation Chairman Asoka Serasinghe, Tower Hall Foundation Director General Douglas Siriwardane, Tele Makers’ Guild Chairman Suresh Abeysekera and Ajith Galappatty are also in the picture.



The Mental Health Unit of the Base Hospital, Akkaraipattu sold T-shirts with a special logo to the public to raise funds to develop its section recently. Here the Medical Officer-in-Charge Dr. M.J.M. Nowfel presents a T-shirt to the Medical Superintendent, Dr. M.M. Thazim.

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



A group of women staffers sing the National Anthem at Sri Lanka’s 65th Independence Day celebrations organised by the Wattala Divisional Secretariat’s office recently.

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



A get-together of nurses retired from the District General Hospital, Negombo was held at the Lagoon View Hotel, Kurana recently. Prizes were distributed among those who won various games to mark the occasion.



Higher Education Minister S.B. Dissanayake who visited the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently, held a meeting to discuss the launch of the new Engineering Faculty at the Vice Chancellor’s office. Here Minister Dissanayake addresses the academics. Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athaulah, Digamadulla District Parliamentarian Sarath Weerasekara and Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. S.M.M. Ismail were also present.

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



The fund-raising dinner meeting of Ithihaad Ahlisunnathi Wal Jamaa-Athi was held at the Marine Grand Hall, Colombo 6 recently. Here Islamic scholar and founder of the Al Razi Institute, Boston, USA, Ash Sheikh addresses the gathering.

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



The *Adhi Mithuru Sangamaya* of Wellarawa MV, Bingiriya in Kurunegala launched a tree-planting campaign at its school premises and in the suburbs of the Wellarawa village. Here Secretary of the Society R.P.S. Rajapakse and Principal Henry Samaranyake with the founder members get ready with the sapling.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



District Secretary, Puttalam, M. Kingsly Fernando with the Commissioner of Local Government NWP, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council R.A. Baiz, Provincial Councillor, NWP Weerasekara Chinthaka Mayadunne, Vice Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council S. Pushpakumara open “The White Bureau”, the new office of the Puttalam Urban Council.

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

## EVENTS

### Cancer clinic today

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society, Bullers Lane, Colombo 7 will hold its next cancer-screening clinic today from 8.30 am to 11.30 am, to screen for early detection of breast, cervical and oral cancer. All services are free.

### Islamic lecture on Feb 11

A lecture on Islamic Spiritualism will be delivered by Sheikh Imadudeen Abu Hijleh tomorrow at 8.00 pm at the Marine Grand, Marine Drive, Colombo 6.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on “Is there something, enduring, immovable?” delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the 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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A freedom park and a new supermarket will be constructed in Minuwangoda in the near future. Here Gampaha District Parliamentarian Ruwan Ranathunga lays the foundation stone on the occasion. Western Provincial Councillor Lionel Jayasinghe and Urban Council Chairman P. Alahakoonne are also in the picture.

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

### Among top five in India

Umanga Buddhini Wackistaarachchie qualified as a Certified Manager of Software Testing (CMST) in software certifications, administered by the QAI Global Institute (USA). She was the only Sri Lankan and were among the top five in India and in the top 25 in the world rankings.

An old girl of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo, Buddhini, after her A/L obtained her Bsc. (Hons) in India. In her postgraduate studies in Coimbatore she received her Masters in Computer Applications with a first class.

At school she won the chess colours and the Sri Lanka National School Colours for chess for two consecutive years.

