



The Samadhi Community Development Foundation (*Samadhi Sisu Dirimaga*) and L.M. Jinasena Group of Companies have launched a program to distribute school stationery among 500 selected children of low income families in the Matara district, studying in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools. Here Chairman of the Samadhi Foundation and parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana and General Manager (Human Resources), L.M. Jinasena Group, Tirol Arulraj present stationery items.



The Welimada water treatment plant built at cost of Rs. 265m was commissioned by Minister of Irrigation and Water Management Nimal Siripala de Silva and Minister of Water Supply and Drainage Dinesh Gunawardena recently. Parliamentarian Rohana Pushpa Kumara, Chamika Buddadasa, Provincial Councillor S.R. Bandusena, Ajith Liyanage, Additional Secretary to the Ministry Sarath Vithana and General Manager of the Board Lal Premanath were also present.

Pic: Mohamad Imtiyas, Colombo Central TKN Cor.



The Royal College Doctors' Association (RCDA) in collaboration with the Royal College Past Teachers' Association conducted the Annual Teachers' Medical Screening program recently, for the 14th consecutive time, aimed at promoting the health and well-being of the present and past teachers and their spouses. Here Consultant Ophthalmologist Dr. Jayantha Lalith Mallikaarachchi discusses the case history of a teacher-patient. Principal Upali Gunasekera, Secretary, RCU, Manju Ariyaratne, secretary, LPMC, Kamal Abeysinghe and Secretary, ORGACO, Upul Rajapaksha were also present.



Vice President/Sectional Chairman of Special Activities of the Automobile Association of Ceylon, Dr. Lakshman Weerasena conducted a free health camp for the Peter Weerasekera Children's Home recently. Eighty-five children and 25 staffers received medical advice. Here Dr. Weerasena examines a child.



A ceremony to felicitate Dr. Sinnathamby Gunasingam, Chief Trustee of Sittih Vinayagar Kovil, Modera, Colombo 15 was held at the Kovil recently, organised by the Hindu priests and the Kovil Trustees Board. Here the Chief Priest Bala Selva Vinayagar Kovil, Captains Garden, Maradana, S. Radhakrishnan Kurukkal presents an offering to Dr. Gunasingam after draping him with a golden shawl. Jeyaram Sharma and Mrs. Gunasingam are also in the picture.

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



The 52nd National Day celebrations of Kuwait were held recently at the Kuwait Ambassador's residence in Colombo. Here the chief guest, Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare Minister Dilan Perera and the Kuwait Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Yaqouub Y.A.A. Alateeqi cut the cake.

Pic: A.S.M. Irfshad, Colombo Fort TKN Cor.



The Bank of Ceylon is sponsoring the Dharmaraja/RISGO International Jamboree now being held in Kandy. Here Senarath Jayasundara, Senior Manager of the Bank of Ceylon presents the cheque to S.M. Keerthirathne, Principal, Dharmaraja College. Customer Service Manager Ranjith Rajapakse and Marketing Officer W.M. Somathilaka look on.

Pic: Kandy Sprots Spl. Cor.



The Asia Foundation plans to develop the Municipal and Urban Councils in the Eastern Province funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Here the Mayor, Akkaraipattu Municipality A. Ahamed Zackie with the Asia Foundation team. Municipal Commissioner A.L.M. Azmi, Research Fellow, KDZ School in Korea, Ha Kyounghwa, Program Officers Eastern Province Dammika Mahendra, A. Sasikaran and M.I.M. Waleeth were also present.

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



A discussion on the employee cadre dispute in the Colombo Municipal Council was held at the Western Province Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here WPC Chief Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga addresses the meeting while Colombo Mayor A.J.M. Muzammil, Deputy Mayor Titus Perera, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister Pradeep Wijerathna look on.

Pic: M. Muthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Sainthamaruthu Ilham Youth Club organised a tree planting campaign to mark the 65th Independence Day at Sainthamaruthu Beach Park recently. Here the Divisional Secretary, A.L.M. Saleem plants a sapling.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



Wing Commander C.A.O. Direkze (Retd. SLAF) was felicitated with a memento by the President of the Sri Lanka Branch of The Institution of Fire Engineers UK, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Service Department, Colombo, P.N.R. Fernando for his contribution to the IFE Sri Lanka Branch and also for his dedicated service to improve the fire engineering profession at the AGM held recently.



Maharagama Urban Councillor Thilak Weerasinghe presented medicine, injections and equipment to the value of Rs. 300,000 to the children wards in the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama to mark his birthday. Here the Administrative Assistant S. Wickramasinghe accepts the gift from Weerasinghe.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

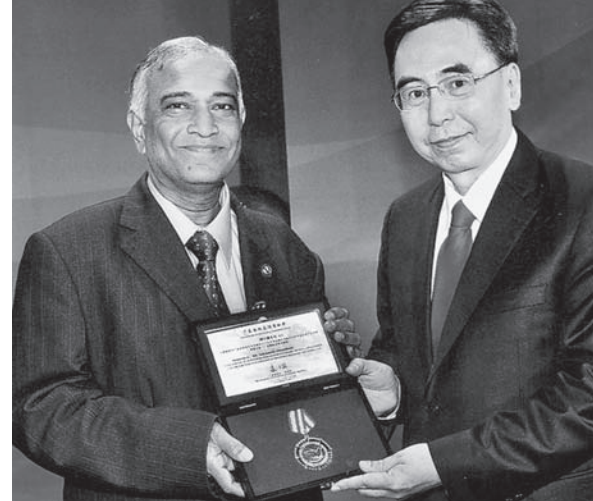


The 106th commemoration ceremony of Henry Steele Olcott was held recently at the Buddhist Theosophical Society. Here National Heritage Minister Dr. Jagath Balasuriya garlands the late Olcott's statue opposite the Fort Railway Station. Chairman of the Buddhist Theosophical Society Sanath P. Weerasekera was also present.

Pic: Geeth de Mel



The annual Sports Meet of the Primary Section of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo was held recently, with Attorney-at-Law Keerthimala Gunasekera as the chief guest. From left: Former Deputy Principal, Seetha Siriwardene, Keerthimala Gunasekera, Principal Sandamali Aviruppala and the Head of the Primary Section, Muditha Madanayake.



The people's Government of Guangdong Province of China presented the Guangdong International Friendship Award to the Executive President of the Association for Sri Lanka-China Social and Cultural Cooperation (ASLSCCC), Indrananda Abeyskera during the Guangdong International week for Cooperation and Exchanges in Guangzhou, China recently. Here the Governor of Guangdong Province presents the award to Abeyskera.



Eastern Province Minister of Health M. I. M. Mansoor paid a surprise visit to the District Hospital, Oluvil recently. The Member of the Eastern Provincial Council A.L.M. Naseer, Chairman of the Addalaichenai Pradeshia Sabha, M.A. Anzil, Vice Chairman, A.M. Amanullah and the District Officer Dr. M. Hamamudeen were also present.

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



The books distribution ceremony among religious schools was held at the Vivekananda Society Hall, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently, sponsored by the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC). Here Mrs. Sivanesan, Principal Religious School of the Sitti Vinayagar Kovil, Nava Kelanipura, Wellampitiya (left) receives a set of books from Mrs. Kathirkamanathan, wife of ACHC General Secretary M. Kathirkamanathan. Vice President ACHC Sinnathurai Dhanabala is in the centre.

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



A channelling centre was opened by the Assistant Commissioner of Co-operative Development, Kalmunai, I.L. Phahrudeen, sponsored by the Addalaichenai Multi Purpose Co-operative Society Ltd., at Main Street, Addalaichenai recently. Here the Consultant Physician of the General Hospital, Batticaloa, Dr. M. Umakanth examines the first patient. President of the MPCs, S.L. Sanoos and General Manager A.W. Wahab are also in the picture.

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

EVENTS

'Flag Day' on Mahasivarathri Day

The World Saiva Council (Sri Lanka branch) will hold its 'Flag Day' on Mahasivarathri Day, March 10 at the New Kathiresan Hall, Bambalapitiya presided over by the President of the World Saiva Council, K. Thayaparan.

The ceremony will commence at 8.00 am with poojas at the New Kathiresan temple and the Manicaviniyagar temple, Bambalapitiya where the trustees of the Temple, Secretary of the World Saiva Council (Sri Lanka) Dr. M. Kathirgamanathan and Sinnadurai Dhanabala will participate.

Ex-Army Women to observe Sil

The Sri Lanka Ex-Army Women's Association will celebrate International Women's Day on March 8 with a Sil campaign on the theme 'Let us be disciplined' at the Sabodhi Vihara, Colombo at 6 a.m. the Association's Chairperson Major Ramani Kangaraarachchi said.

She said over 100 members belonging to women's associations representing the Army, Navy and the Air Force will join the campaign.

The sil campaign will conclude with a colourful perahera at 4 p.m., followed by a Gilampasa pooja.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Understanding meditation requires order' delivered by the late Indian Sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddagana, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m.

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

Peradeniya University - Colombo Chapter AGM

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya, Colombo Chapter will be held today at 9.30 am at the Shalika Hall, Park Road, Colombo 5.

The Vice Chancellor of the Peradeniya University, Prof. Athula Senaratna will be the chief guest and the guest of honour will be National Savings Bank Chairman Sunil Sirisena.

The new Council of Management will be elected today.

Members of the Colombo Chapter will be present.



The induction of Dr. Sunethra Gunasena as President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists for 2012/13 was held recently. Here the outgoing President Dr. Philomena Chandrasiri congratulates Dr. Sunethra Gunasena on her induction as President.

Chamathya Fernando at UN confab

President's Guide, Chamathya Fernando, a student of Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo and currently reading for a degree at the National School Business Management, has been invited to be a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) delegation as a youth delegate, at the United Nations Conference and 57th Commission on the Status of Women, at the UN Headquarters, New York. WAGGGS which has over 10 million members in 145 countries, is the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world. The Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association has been a member for the past 96 years. Chamathya is the youngest daughter of Christie and Lalitha Fernando.



The road carpeting project of the Horana-Galagedara Road Rs.1300 m. was launched recently on an initiative of the Project Minister of Ports and Highways, Nirmala Kotalawala. Here the Chairman of the Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Yamith Chandana Haturusinghe drives a bulldozer. Western Provincial Councillor Lalith Warnakumara, Councillors of the Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Priyantha Rathnasekara, Sunil Jayantha, Nalin Deepthi, Jayasena Weerakkody and a large gathering were present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Ranaviru Chandika Virajith Mawatha at Kulupana, which was concreted with funds from Western Provincial Councillor Lal Kularathna following a request made by member of the Horana Pradeshia Sabha, Anura Jayalath was opened for traffic recently. Here Kularathna invites children of the area to open the road.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Babies from remote areas in Negombo were provided nutritious milk powder by the Western Provincial Councillor Shafi Raheem recently. MOH of Negombo, Dr. Vijayalath and Municipal Councillor M. Ishan are also in the picture.

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