



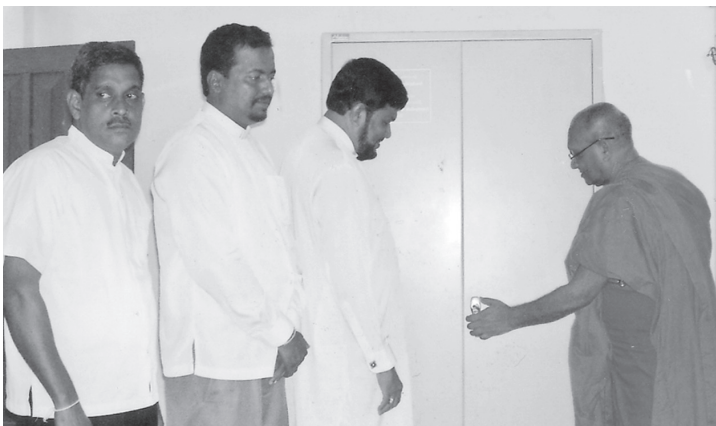
The Kelaniya – Kiribathgoda Buddhist Women's Society donated a *Paththra*, worth Rs.50,000 to the Medamahahanuwara Sadasiri Dunuwila Thapowana Pirivena in the Kandy district recently. Chief incumbent of Thapowana Pirivena Rajakeeya Pandit Ven. Ankubure Pemavansa Nayaka Thera delivered a lecture on *Senahasa Deru Sevena* children. Here Mrs. Harshini Navarathna addresses the meeting. Secretary Mrs. T. Siriwardena and Treasurer Mrs. C. Wijerathne are also in the picture.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Four vision-impaired social workers who worked for the uplift of their brethren were felicitated at the 57th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Blind Council. Here parliamentary Namal Rajapaksa presents an award to D.W. Dissanayake whose voice was rendered for the talking book. Chairman of the Council Amaradasa Gunawardane was also present.

Pic: Wehella Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmage presented steel cupboards out of his Provincial Council funds to the Daham School of Kaduwela Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya. Here the Chairman, Thaladhena Bodirukkaramaya Dhaham School, Ven. Attaragama Gnanawimala Thera admires the gift. Kaduwela Municipal Councillor, Manoj Bethmage is also in the picture.

Pic: Wehella Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The launch ceremony of five Sinhala Catholic books authored by members of the *Katholika Lekaka Haua* was held at Paul the Sixth Centre, Front Street, Pettah, Colombo 11 recently. Here the book, titled *Kithunu Divi Magata Athwalak* is being presented by the author Calistus Jayamanna to Rev. Fr. Jayalath Balagalla. Director, Catholic Mass Media, Rev. Fr. Benedict Joseph is also in the picture.

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



International Women's Day organised by the Mahara People's Bank branch was held recently. Here a customer, Mrs. Chandima Biyanwila of Pahala Biyanwila lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the function. Branch Manager, Mrs. D.M. Wijesuriya is also in the picture.

Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor. Mahanama Vithanage



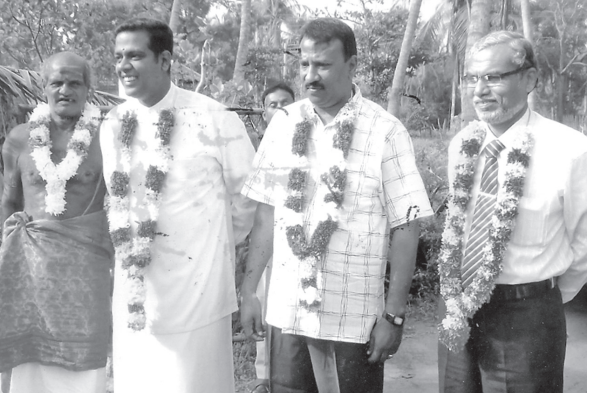
The National Council of YMMAs of Sri Lanka organised a series of events at the YMMA Secretariat, Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here Senior Minister, A.H.M. Fowzie, A.H.M. Azwer MP, YMMA founder President S.B.C. Thassim, Zam Zam Group Chairman, M.A.M. Azar, Muhsan International CEO, Muslim Salahudeen, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya representative and Provincial Councillor Nowzer Fowzie being conducted to the venue by YMMA President M.M. Mohamed and members.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Refai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka organised the flag-hoisting ceremony to mark the 136th year commemoration of His Holiness Sulthanul Aarifeen Seyedena Ahamadul Kabeerur Rifai at the Association premises in Colombo 12 recently. Here His eminence Rifai Moulana U.P. Seyyed Muhammad Aashique Thangal and the ualamas at the ceremony.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Provincial Minister of Road Development, Housing, and Electricity of the NWP Sanath Nishantha, North Western Provincial Councillor, N.T.M. Tahiri, Divisional Director of Education, Kalpitiya, Noohu Lebbe being received on arrival at the ceremony to lay the foundation stone for a new building at Nayakkar Chennai Government Tamil Vidyalayam, Puttalam.

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



The 222nd branch of the National Savings Bank (NSB) was opened in Ginigathena by Senior Minister of International Financial Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance Dr. Sarath Amunugama recently. Here Dr. Amunugama lights the oil lamp to mark the occasion.

Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



Thirty-three head of cattle, who were saved from slaughter was distributed among 26 families at a function at Kirigalahena Primary College, Horana recently, on an initiative by Senior Minister of Good Governance and Infrastructure Facilities, Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka. The cost of the cattle, Rs. 1.5m was financed by the "Society of Redemption of Cattle from Slaughter" Wattal-pola, Pandura. Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and Vice Chairman of Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Ashoka Ranatunga were also present.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



International Women's Day organised by the Kethumathi Women's Hospital, Panadura was held at panadura Town Hall recently. Medical Superintendent, Dr. M.H.M. Asad, Provincial Health Minister Jagath Angage, Panadura Base Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Piyal Samaraweera are also in the picture.

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



International Women's Day was celebrated by the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Women's Community at the Abayarama auditorium, Narahenpita recently, organised by the Thilanga Sumathipala Foundation. Here Mrs. Champa Gunasekera, President of the Community receives the award presented by the Narahenpita United Business Entrepreneurs Association in recognition of her social services from the chief guest Dr. Milina Sumathipala.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The unveiling ceremony of the new statue of Saiva saint Srilashri Arumuga Navalar was held at Hindu College, Modera, Colombo 15 recently. Here Vice Principal Mrs. Sivalingam drapes a shawl around the statue. Principal Miss Murugesu and President, Arumuganavalar Welfare Society Karunai Anandan are also in the picture.

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



The 75th anniversary celebration of the Past Pupils' Association of Hartley College, Colombo branch was held at the BMICH recently. Here the President, S. Yogendranathan presents a donation to B. Kabilan, a student who was third in the island and first in the district in the Mathematics stream at the GCE A/L 2012 examination.

Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe



The National Day of Kuwait was held recently at "Kuwait House", Colombo 7 recently. Here President, Mohamed Nazar, Life General Secretary Mohamed Nagoorpichai and committee member Mohamed Roshan of the Central Tennakumbura Y.M.M.A., Kandy with Y.A.A. Alateegi the Ambassador of Kuwait.

Pic: Pathadumbara Gr. Cor.



The participants of the *Pada Yathra* organised by the Presidential Secretariat, NYSC Youth Clubs Federation and the Tharunyata Hetak Organisation with participants from 17 Asian countries go in procession from Kaduwela Tamil School to Ginigathena town on their way from Kataragama to Jaffna.

Pic: G.A. Gunasena, Ginigathena Spl. Cor.



The AGM of Kalutara District JPs' Association was held at the Panadura Divisional Secretariat auditorium recently, under the patronage of President M. Malalasekara. Here the chief guest Divisional Secretary, Panadura, W.K. Wijesiri addresses the gathering. Rev. Desmond Fernando is also in the picture.

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



Secretary of the Puttalam Base Hospital, H.M.M. Shafeek is being introduced to the referees of the Bolton Jubilee football tournament by the Secretary of the Puttalam Football League J.M. Jaws before the start of the tournament series at the Puttalam Zahira College ground.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Why is there such chaos in the world?" 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.

27th anniversary celebrations

The 27th anniversary celebration and prize-giving of the National Muslim Welfare Association of Ahadiyyah School, Maligawatte, Colombo will be held on March 29 at 3.30 pm. at the Tower Hall, Maradana. Western Province Governor Alavi Moulana will be the chief guest.

AGM of Matara Convent PPA

The Past Pupils Association of the Convent of Mary Immaculate, Matara, (Colombo branch) will hold its 40th Annual General Meeting on March 30 at 12 p.m. at the Peach Valley Chinese Restaurant, Flower Road, Colombo 7 followed by lunch.

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The head of the Executive Causus of the Federation of All Lanka Youth Leagues, Yadaminii Gunawardena called on the President of Honduras, Lobo Sosa in Mexico City recently.



Aqua Dynamic (Pvt) Ltd of Negombo, which showcased its production and supply of water sport-related products to the European market celebrated its 25th anniversary at a ceremony, presided over by the Managing Director Frank Ulmar. The company also felicitated its employees who had completed 20 years of service, with a cash award of Rs. 100,000. From left: Frank Ulmar, Managing Director, Mrs. R.S.M. Fernando, Mrs. W.C. Rodrigo, N.J. Silva, Mrs. W.M.W. Rodrigo and Lalindra Fernando, General Manager.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Group of '80 of Zahira College, Colombo organised a tree planting program at the College compound recently. Here acting Principal Trizvi Marikkar plants a sapling. G'80 President Feroz Inham, OBA Secretary, Rishard Raheem and members of the G80 were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A group of women devotees of the Jesus Lives International Evangelical Ministry, Aluthmawatha, Modera, Colombo render a devotional song at the 35th Annual Convention Festival at the Galle Face Green recently.

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



International Women's Day was celebrated at Ariyawansa M.V. Beruwala recently, organised by the Rajitha Senaratne Foundation. Here Dr. Sujatha Senaratne addresses the gathering. Minister Dr. Rajitha Senaratne, Western Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad, Chairman, Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha, Prasanna Sanjeeva are also in the picture.

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



The Southern Provincial Councillor and an old boy of St. Thomas boys' School, Matara Weerasumana Weerasinghe presents a gift to a participant at the Annual Sports Meet held recently.

Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.