



The first copy of the book *Kelama*, written by Ven. Yodakandiya Gnasinha Thera on his completion of ten years as a bhikkhu was presented to former Chief Minister of the Southern Provincial Council, H.G. Sirisena at a ceremony at the YMBA, Matara recently.

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

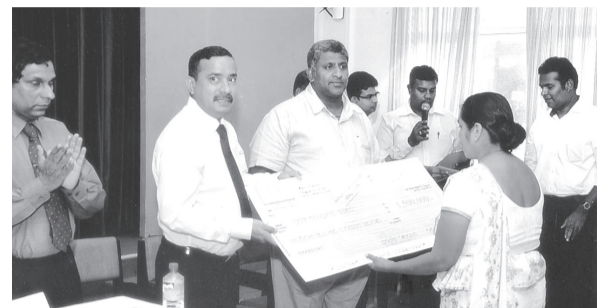


A dental clinic was opened at the Kethumathie Women's Hospital, Panadura under the patronage of WPC Health Minister Jagath Angage. The dental chair was donated by Mrs. Swarnamalie Rodrigo, former Principal of Sri Sumangala Balika Vidyalaya Primary School, Panadura. Here a pregnant woman after an oral check-up at the new clinic. Ven. Pothupitiye Pannasekara Nayaka Thera is also in the picture.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Panadura North Gr. Cor.



The chief incumbent of the Peliyagoda Jayatilakerama Purana Vihara, Ven. Getaberikande Ratanasiri Thera presents the *Deva Dharmacharya* Award to Sivanesa Kurukkal of the Sri Selvavinayagar temple of Nawakelenipura recently, for the yeomen social service rendered by the kurukkal, irrespective of communal and religious differences.



The Divisional Education Office Development project was launched under the patronage of WPC Chief Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here Ranatunga and Provincial Education Secretary S.T. Kodikara presents a cheque to the Divisional Education Director of the Western Province.

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



Twelve tutorial staffers of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy who went on transfer were felicitated by the Principal, staff and students recently. Here Principal of Mahamaya, Indra Withanachchi (third from left) conducts the teachers to the auditorium for the felicitation ceremony. Others from left: S. Muthunayake (Asst. Principal), Uthpala Seneviratne (Dy. Principal), Himali Senadheera (Dy. Principal) and Dammika Mahawattage (former Prefect of Games).

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Al Haj M.H. Mahroof receives the honorary title, *Deshashakthi* from Western Province Governor Al Haj Alavi Mowlana, at a ceremony organised by the Sri Lanka Samaja Seva Sahasthika Sammelanaya, at the BMICH recently. A.S.M. Naseem one of the organisers looks on. Mahroof is the Vice Patron of YMMA, Maligawatte and a member of the Board of Trustees.



The Neboda branch of the People's Bank was relocated to a new building recently. Here the chief guest, Transport Minister Kumara Welgama opens the branch. Chairman, People's Bank Gamini Sedera Senarath is also in the picture.

Pic: Susil Ratnaweera, Pandura North Gr. Cor.



The annual feast of St. Anthony's Church, Pubudugama, Uswetakeyawa was held under the patronage of Rev. Frs. Lalith Krishantha, Chanaka Prasad and Priyan Subhasana. Here the invitees being conducted to the church.

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



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace, with Valli Moosa, former Environment Minister of South Africa, after they delivered keynote addresses at the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum 2013 in Bonn recently.



Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Childcare and Women's Affairs of the Western Province Jagath Angage in collaboration with the Agricultural Department launched a homegarden campaign in the Kalutara district. Over 7,500 mammothies were also distributed among land owners and farmers in the district. Here the Minister presents a mammoth to a farmer at a function at Bulathsinghala recently.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



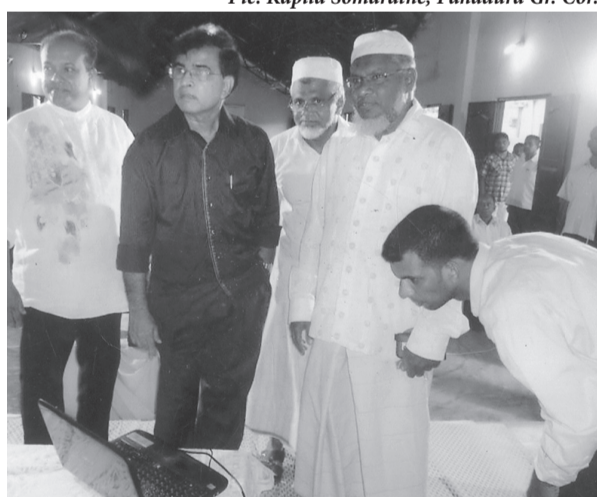
The foundation stone for an administrative complex for the Samanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha was laid by the Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaulah recently. Here the Minister unveils the plaque. Eastern Province Chief Minister Najeeb Abdul Majeed, Councillor M.L.A. Ameer, Regional Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Ampara, A.J.M. Irazad and Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman A.M.M. Nowshad look on.

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



The Batticaloa district Local Government award ceremony was held at the Batticaloa Municipal Council auditorium recently, organised by the office of the Regional Asst. Commissioner of Local Government. ACLG, Mrs. N. Sathiyanthi presided. Here the chief guest, Eastern Province Chief Minister Najeeb Abdul Majeed presents the awards to S.H.M. Azfer, Kattankudy Urban Council which won four awards. Secretary, J. Sarveswaran looks on.

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



Prof. M.S.M. Anas launches the official website of the Puttalam Mohideen Juummah Masjid, 'Puttalam Online', with the participation of K.A. Baiz, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, Ash-Shakh Abdullah Mohmood Alim, President, Puttalam district Jamiyyathul Ulama and Al-Haj S.R.M. Muzamil, the Head of Puttalam Grand Mosque Trustee Board.

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



A provincial journalist in the Kurunegala district, Missaka Sooriyabandara authored the book 'Provincial deities in Sri Lanka'. Here he presents the first copy to Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and Panduwasnuwara SLEP chief organiser, Indika Bandaranayake recently.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



The Eheliyagoda Multi-Purpose Cooperative Union held a music festival at the Eheliyagoda Cooperative Conference Hall, with the participation of a large number of employees to mark 91st Universal Cooperative Day. Here a group of employees sing the Cooperative Anthem.

Pic: Nimal Wijayaratne, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The Group of '80 Zahira College, Colombo organised the pre-Ramazan Fair at the College premises recently. Here the chief guest, All Ceylon Moors' Association President, Prof. Fazli Nizar with Principal, Trizvi Marikkar, G80 President Feroz Inham, Treasurer, M. Mohamed and Project Chairman, Rishard Raheem at the opening ceremony.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council K.A. Baiz, with the top senior executives of the Holcim Cement Company at a ceremony to hand over 15 houses constructed by the company for employees of the Puttalam Urban Council.

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



A free medical camp organised by the Medical Officer of Health, Akkaraipattu was held recently at the Athaulah auditorium, under the patronage of MOH Dr. I.L. Siddique. Here Senior PHI K. Rajendramoorthy test a blood sample of a patient.

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



The *Varusbisekam* festival of Sivasakthi Vinayagar Kovil, Dematagoda, Colombo 9 was held under the patronage of Colombo District Parliamentarian Praba Ganeshan recently. Here the Chief Priest, S. Balachandra Sarma presents an offering to the chief guest after the special pooja. Principal, Vipulananda Tamil Vidyalayam, Colombo 9 K. Shanmuganandan looks on.

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



The 'Amazing Thailand Road Show 2013' was held at the Taj Samudra Hotel recently. Here the Ambassador of Thailand Poldej Worachat and Mrs. Kanyarat Worachat with the office-bearers of the Sri Lanka - Thailand Friendship Society.

Pic: Vipula Amarasinghe.



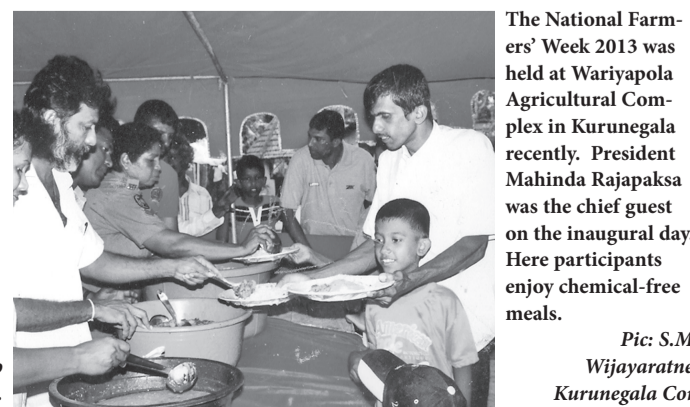
The Panadura Youth Council introduced a savings scheme for students undergoing training courses at the Panadura Youth Centre recently. Here Panadura UC Chairman Nandana Gunatilleka presents a savings book to a student. Kapila Gunasekera, Manager, Panadura Youth Council is also in the picture.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



The launch of the Tamil book *Edu Niththiyam* authored by Kalaboosanam M. Bashier was held at the Old Town Hall, Pettah recently, organised by the Colombo Bharathy Kala Mandram. Here the maiden copy is being presented by former Minister P.P. Devaraj to the President, Indo-Lanka Origin People's Alliance, A. Muthappan Chettiyar. The author and President of the Kalamandram, T. Mani is also in the picture.

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



The National Farmers' Week 2013 was held at Wariyapola Agricultural Complex in Kurunegala recently. President Mahinda Rajapaksa was the chief guest on the inaugural day. Here participants enjoy chemical-free meals.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.