



An English book titled *Thrill* (A collection of short stories) authored by Ms. Fareena Nazeer was held at the Aquinas University College, Colombo 8 recently. Here the author presents the maiden copy to Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Placidus de Silva. Prof. Ranjith Bandara and the publisher, Sirisumana Godage are also in the picture.

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



Four hundred and three graduate teachers were given appointment letters at a ceremony at the Kularathna Hall, Ananda College recently. Here a teacher receives her letter from WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga. WPC Chairman Sunil Wijerathne and Provincial Minister Udaya Gammanpila are also in the picture.

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



Batticaloa Government Agent P.S.M. Charles, winner of the 'Inspirational Woman of the year 2012/2013' was felicitated by local civil society organisations, business communities and government officials at the Mahatma Gandhi Square, Batticaloa recently. Here she is being conducted in a procession flanked by Yogamalar Sajithkumar President of the Kaviya Women's Development Organisation (R) V. Ranjithamurthy, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Batticaloa branch and Subashini Chakravarthy, Zonal Director of Education (I). The award was presented by Minister of Child development and Women's Affairs, Tissa Karaliyadda and Australian High Commissioner Ms Robyn Mudie at Hotel Jaic Hilton.



Chinese Ambassador, Wu Jianghao called on the Southern Province Governor, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya at her office in Galle recently. Minister of Education, Southern Province, Chandima Rasaputra, Governor's Secretary Lal Samarasekera are also in the picture.

Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



Thirty three departments under the Western Provincial Council were provided with double cabs recently. Here WPC Chief Minister, Prasanna Ranatunga present the keys to the Chief Secretary, Jayanthi Wijethunga at a ceremony at the Chief Ministry premises recently. Provincial Minister Udhaya Gammanpila is also in the picture.

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



Sports Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage with Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council and chief SLFP organiser for Puttalam, K.A. Baiz inspect the progress of the construction work on the Puttalam District Sports Complex in Puttalam. NWP Ex-Provincial Councillor Chinthaka Amel Mayadunne is also in the picture.

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



The registration of teacher trainees for the academic year 2013/2015 was held recently at the Addalaichenai National College of Education. Here College Registrar, S.M. Basheer process a new registration.

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



An Arpico showroom was opened at Main Street, Akkaraipattu recently. Here the chief guest, Akkaraipattu Mayor, Athaullah Ahamed Zackie makes the first purchase. Richard Pieris Distributors Ltd, Chief Executive Officer Michael Andree is also in the picture.

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



The OKI walk organised by OKI International School to mark its 15th anniversary paraded the streets of Wattala recently.

Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor. Mahanama Vithanage



The third International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka was held at the Oluvil Campus, under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail. Here Dr. P. Elango, Co-ordinator, Faculty of Engineering presents the certificate to A. Hakeem, Senior Lecturer, Department of Accountancy and Finance. Former University Grants Commission Chairman, Prof. Gamini Samaranyake and Dean, FMC, U.M.A. Sareena are also in the picture.

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



Eheliyagoda DMO, Dr. Shantha Abewickrama organised a series of lectures at the Eheliyagoda District Hospital Auditorium to educate officials of the health and private sector employees on the composition and quality of commodities. Here Dr. Abewickrama delivers a lecture on coconut oil and coconut oil products.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Eastern Provincial Councillor, M. Rajeswaran donated sewing machines to low income families in the Pottuvil, Thirukkivil and Kalmuani Tamil Divisions at the Natpiddymunai RDS building recently. Thirteen families benefited by the program. Here Rajeswaran presents a machine to a beneficiary at a ceremony.

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



A ceremony to mark the 74th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon, Addalaichenai organised by the Manager I.M. Munawer and his staff was held at the Branch premises recently. Here an officer H.M.C.K. Herath presents the pass book to a *Run Kekulu* children's Saving Account holder. Manager I.M. Munawer, Staffers P.P.T. Kumara and S.L. Wijethunga look on.

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



A generator and a bicycle were donated by the Provincial Minister of the Eastern Province, M.S. Uthumalebbe out of his budget allocations to the Pallikkudieruppu Jummah mosque recently. Here Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athaullah presents a bicycle to the Chief Trustee Minister Uthumalebbe. Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha, M.A. Razick and the trustees were also present.

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



An equipment distribution ceremony among visually-handicapped persons was held at the YMCA auditorium, Rotunda Gardens, Colombo 3, jointly organised by the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind (SLCB) and the Korean Businessmen's Association in Sri Lanka. Here Education Minister Bandula Gunawardana, the chief guest presents a set of equipment to a beneficiary. President, SLCB Anaradasa Gunawardana and the guest of honour, Y.K. Chun are also in the picture.

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



A shramadana campaign to clean the environs of the Akkaraipattu beach was organised by the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council recently. Mayor Athaullah Ahamed Zackie, Municipal Commissioner, A.L.M. Azmi, Councillors, N.M. Najimudeen, K.L.M. Zarook and A.L. Junaideen, Secretary, M.I.A. Latiff, Administrative Officer, A.M. Habeebur Rahman and UNOPS officials participated.

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



A ceremony to felicitate Kaleefathul Kulafa Shazuli Moulavi Al-Haj J. Abdul Hameed Alim (Bahji) organised by the China Fort Fassiya Education Institute was held in Colombo 3 recently. Here the President's Coordinating Secretary As Seyed Abdul Cader Mashaor Moulana presents an award to Hameed Alim. Fowzan Anwar the Colombo SLFP organiser, M. Mustaq Jabir, M. Safwan Nayeem, M. Muzhi Uwais are also in the picture.

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



The 74th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon was celebrated by the Nintavur Bank of Ceylon branch at the bank premises recently. Here the Eastern Province AGM's Senior Manager P.P. Disanayaka presents a passbook to a *Run Ulpatha* account holder. Manager M.I.M. Haniffa, Asst. Manager A.C. Kiyasdeen and the staff are also in the picture.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Are you aware of the structure of yourself?" 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 ceremony to commemorate 25 war heroes who had sacrificed their lives during the war against terrorism, was held with the participation of the Ports and Roads Development Project Minister Rohitha Abeygoonawardana, at the Walukaramaya temple, Kalutara recently. Here the Minister presents a memento to Mrs. Thirimanna, a former school principal and mother of Capt. Suren Wasudeva.

Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.



Housing Development and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa made an inspection tour of St. Clair's College, Wellawatte to look into its shortcomings and allocated Rs. 2 million for the re-construction of all the buildings. Education Director, Colombo South A.I.M. Sarukhan, State Engineering Corporation Chairman, Jagath Kumara Perera, Colombo Municipal Councillor Mohamed Muzzamil and Principal A.K. Hettiarachchi were also present.

Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



Former Mayor of Galle, Methsiri de Silva receives his appointment letter as the President's Coordinating Officer for Southern Province Governor, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya at a ceremony at the Governor's Office, Galle. Secretary Lal Samarasekera is also in the picture.

Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



The annual *Ther* (Chariot) festival of Sri Bathrakali Amman kovil, Second Navagam-pura, Grandpass, Colombo 14 was held recently. Here a devotee performs a *Parava Kawadi* to fulfil a vow.

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



The Chief Imam of Colombo Grand Masjid Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed Bahji was appointed Kaleefathul Kulafa of Sri Lanka Shazuliyya Thareeka recently. Here Thotawatha Grand Jummah Masjid Chairman M.C.M. Fouz Hajiyar welcomes the new Kulafa in Islamic tradition. Masjid members A.R.M. Naleem and M.M. Naleem are also in the picture.

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



The flag-hoisting ceremony (*Kodiyettam*) of the All Ceylon Anantha Tyappa Devasthanam, Aluthmawatha, Colombo 15 was held, with the participation of Sabarimala the traditional supreme priest Bhramasri Kantaru Maheswara Thantri Kurukkal. The event was organised to mark the commencement of the Devasthanams annual festival.

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