



The first death anniversary of the late Minister T. Wijayapala Mendis was marked with an alms-giving for the Maha Sangha at Angurukaramulla Abeysekarama temple (podi pansala), Negombo recently. Here daughter of the late Minister Nadika Mendis with her husband Anil Sirmalwatta offer the *Atapirikara* to the Chief Sanghanayaka of Germany and chief incumbent of Sudarsana Meditation Centre at Yatiyana, Minuwangoda Ven. Dr. Walpola Kalyana Tissa Maha Thera. chief incumbent of the Zurich Buddhist Vihara, Switzerland, Ven. Karuvelagawewa Anuruddha Thera, head priest of the Podi Pansala Ven. Meegamuwe Sumeda Tissa Thera and brother of the late Mendis, T. Mendis look on.
Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The fifth anniversary of the Kalyani Elders' Society, Makola, Sapugaskanda was held at Sri Kalyaniwansa Dhamma School recently. Here a few elders perform a dance item.
Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



The award-winning producer of ITN, Janajewwa Wehella's second translation of a book "Even the Women must fight", (*Maathru Bumiyata Kiridun Mauwaru*) was launched recently at the National Library Services Board auditorium. Here the chief guest, Chairman, ITN, Rosmand Senaratne receives the maiden copy from the author while the writer's parents, Wehelle Piyathilake and Nanda look on.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The 56th National Day of Malaysia was celebrated at the Hilton Hotel recently. Here Chairman of the Board of Trustees, All Ceylon YMMA Conference, Khalid M. Farook greets the High Commissioner of Malaysia in Sri Lanka, Azmi Zainuddin. National President, K.N. Deen, Past Presidents, Zubair Hassan and Haleem A. Azeez were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Chairman, Sri Lanka Heritages Foundation and author of the book, *Sri Lanka Heritages* Neil Kiriella presented a copy of the book to WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga at an event at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Thilaka Kudahetti's latest book *Prathipada* was launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10 recently. Here the author presents a copy of the book to Productivity Promotion Minister Lakshman Senewiratna. Manjula, Apsara, Manel, Indira Kudahetti, Nipun Gunasena, Kanchana Gunasena and the publisher Dayawansa Jayakody look on.

EVENTS

Double Blue Ball on Sept 28

The Double Blue Ball 2013, the annual dinner dance of Wesley College, Colombo will be held on September 28 from 8.30 p.m at the Waters Edge. Music will be provided by Black & Corrine with Burn which is coordinated by Maithri Vithanage, Firodouse and Aruna.

Krishnamurti talk

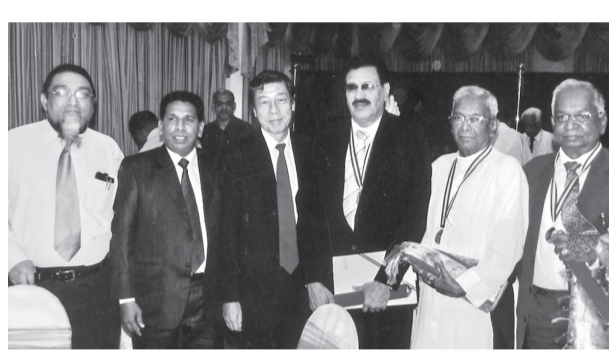
A recorded public talk on "Can one learn through a relationship?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6, today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



The Department of Government Information held a seminar for media personnel in the Central Province on "The role of provincial journalists for district development" recently. Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella was the chief guest. Here a section of the media personnel at the seminar.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundara, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



Governor, Southern Province, Dr. Kumari Balasuriya presented letters of teaching appointments to graduates in Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts at a ceremony at the Town Hall, Galle. Here the Governor presents a letter of appointment to a graduate teacher. Chief Minister, Southern Province, Shan Wijayalal de Silva and Southern Province Minister of Education, Chandima Rasaputra look on.
Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Human Rights Foundation organised its 13th Convention where peace activists, Rev. Fr. Mervyn Fernando, Deivanayagam Eassuwaran and Hashim Omar were felicitated at the Booker Reception Hall, Colombo recently. The chief guest, Ambassador for Japan Nobuhito Hobo, Prof. Rizvi Sheriff and President of the Foundation, B.M. Murushideen are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Kurana South - Akkara 40' Water Project launched under the *Gama Naguma* program built at a cost of Rs. 25 lakhs, provided by the Economic Development Ministry and the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority was commissioned by Good Governance and Infrastructure Minister, Ratnasiri Wickramanayake recently. Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayaka and Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Ashoka Ranathunga were also present.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Secretariat of the Muslim Aid UK provided free dry food rations to the poor through the Dharul Hudha Women's Society, Thotawatha, Panadura. Here Senior Program Officer M.T.M. Fazlan presents a parcel to a beneficiary. Media Officer M. Marikkar and Program Officer M. Ameer of the Secretariat and retired teacher/ advisor M.S.S. Haniffa are also in the picture.
Pic: M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



A blood donation campaign was organised by the Jagath Angage Foundation, Thalpitaya, Wadduwa, Kalutara recently to mark the birthday of Western Province Health, Indigenous Medicine, Welfare and Child Welfare Minister Jagath Angage. Here Chrisanthya Perera Panadura PS member, donates blood at the Prajapathi Children's Home, Panadura.
Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Cor.



Senior Agricultural Instructor S.M.S. Moulana presents a cheque to one of the beneficiaries of the farmers' loans at the Agrarian Services Centre, Chenaikudieruppu recently. The program was launched by the Agrarian Bank. The ceremony was presided over by the Agrarian Services Development Committee president A. Abdul Gaffoor. Eastern Provincial Councillor Ariff Samsudeen was also present.
Pic: L.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz conducts Minister of Education, Bandula Gunawardene and Minister of Information Technology, Ranjith Siyabalapitiya to the main hall of Zahira College, Puttalam for the Education Development Meeting.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



The donation of building construction materials organised by Western Provincial Council member P.D. Abeyrathna was at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya recently. Low income families in the Ingiriya Secretariat Division, received asbestos sheets and cement. Here the Councillor presents a bag of cement to a beneficiary.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Hettipola - Kuliyapitiya Road in Kurunegala will be carpeted at a cost of Rs. 1,115 million under a Bank of Ceylon credit scheme. Here Nirmala Kotalawala, Project Minister of Highways and Ports, the chief guest unveils the plaque at the inaugural ceremony. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils, the SLPF chief organiser for Panduwasnuwara is also in the picture.
Pic: S.M. Wijeratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Wheel-chairs were donated to the differently-abled, under a project of WPC Minister of Agriculture, Udaya Gammanpila at the Provincial Agricultural Ministry recently. Here the Minister presents a wheel-chair to a differently-abled.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Eighty-five Dhamma schools in the Bingiriya electorate, Kurunegala were presented with school and office equipment, worth Rs. 17 million by Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils at a ceremony in Dummalasooriya recently. Here the Deputy Minister and Munidasa Premachandra, SLPF Chief Organiser for Bingiriya present the equipment to the heads of Dhamma schools.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Alayadivembu Divisional Secretary V. Jegatheesan presents cheques to beneficiaries of self-employment projects at the Divisional Secretariat recently, organised by the Women's Development Forum.
Pic: L.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The new showroom of Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Ltd was opened in Jaffna recently. Here the chief guest, Managing Director and Group Executive Director, Rizvi Saheed makes the first sale. Directors, S.M. Gamage and Jayanthi Dharmasena and Sales Manager (Field Operation) M.I. Ramees were also present.
Pic: L.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The 'Job Fair', organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya was held at the Ingiriya Sri Sumanajothi College premises recently to offer job opportunities to the youth in the Ingiriya area, sponsored by the Social Service Department of the Western Provincial Council. Social Service Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya, Nelupani Kalubowila is also in the picture.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.

Elected ACWBC President

Jeevani Fernando Sugunadasa was elected president of the All Ceylon Women's Buddhist Congress (ACWBC). Mrs. Sugunadasa had earlier followed studies in Buddha Dhamma and History in the University of Sri Jayawardenepura and obtained a diploma in Buddhist Studies.



Farmers of Wiyalagoda-Thibbotuwawa Govi Sanvidhanaya, Eheliyagoda conducted a shramadana campaign to restore the flood-damaged Beligahakumbura dam that supplies water 55 acres in the area recently.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The foundation stone was laid for a new building at Najeeb Hajjiyar Education Centre, Dharga Town recently. Here Al Haj M. Najeeb Hajjiyar bin Ameen Alim lays the foundation stone.
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Transport Minister Kumara Welgama and B.R. Rizwan launched a new bus service connecting Alutgama-Maradana - Kalutara recently.
Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.