



Sir Ian Botham and Lady Kathryn Botham were guests at the Hotel Mahaweli Reach during their stay in Kandy. Here the Bothams with other cricket legends Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Gavaskar. The celebrities were in Sri Lanka for the 'Beefy's Big Sri Lanka Walk 2013', a benefit event in aid of the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and the Foundation of Goodness project.



A seminar on 'Food Safety Delivery Standards and the Role of Suppliers in Producing Sustainable Goods and Services' was held at the Cinnamon Grand recently, organised by the Marketing, Communication and Sustainability Division of the Cinnamon Grand. Here Manager, Marketing Communication and Sustainability, Tharika Goonathilake, addresses the gathering. Sarathchandra Mutubanda, Corporate Communication Officer, National Water Supply and Drainage Board is also in the picture.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The annual-get-together of the Retired Nurses Union of the Negombo General Hospital was held at the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens recently.



Kalutara district parliamentarian and Horana SLFP Chief Organiser, Vidura Wickramanayake plants an Uguressa sapling at the launch of Stage 1 of the Divi Neguma program in the Horana Divisional Secretary's division recently.
Pic: H. Kulathilaka, Poruwadana Gr. Cor.



A building complex for the Giribawa PS in Galgamuwa will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 29m under the Pura Neguma project of the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. Here Deputy Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils Indika Bandaranayake, NWP Chief Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera and Senior Minister S.B. Nawinna unveil the nameboard.
Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Three hundred and seventy casual and contract employees of the Water Board, received their letters of appointment from Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the Sri-palace Hall, Moratuwa recently. Here Mohamed Ifam of the Kalutara division receives his letter. Chairman, NWSDB, Karunasena Hettiarachchi, General Manager Ranjith Balasooriya and Working Director Nimal Piyarathna are also in the picture.
Pic: Mohamad Imtiyas, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk
A recorded public talk on "Salvaging the brain" 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.



Kalmunai Municipal Councillor A.M. Barakathullah was appointed to the Ampara district People's Representative Forum of Sri Lanka Muslim Congress at a ceremony held at the Addalaichenai Lloyds Hotel recently. Here Barakathullah receives the letter of appointment from Justice Minister and Sri Lanka Muslim Congress National Leader Rauff Hakeem. Ampara district parliamentarians, provincial councillors, local authorities' chairmen and mayor also participated.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



Three hundred and ten graduate teachers received their appointment letters at a ceremony at the New Town Hall, Colombo recently. Here a teacher receives her letter from the Western Province Acting Chief Secretary and Education Secretary S.T. Kodikara. Western Provincial Councillor, M. Faiz looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The children's story book published under the program of Ath Weta, organised by the Kalutara District Writers' Association and Guru Gedara Grantha Kendraya was launched at the C.W.W. Kanangara College, Mathugama recently. Here the Additional Secretary, Cultural and Aesthetic Affairs Ministry, H.D.S. Malkanthi receives the first copy from the founder of the Guru Gedara Grantha Kendraya, Indika Sanjeeva Vitana.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Chairman/Director General, National Youth Services Council Lalith Piyum Perera presents the keys of a motorcycle to the Best Sportsman (under 20), P.G.N. Madushani of the Galle district. Minister of Youth Affairs Dullas Alahapperuma looks on.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Gr. Cor.



A religious ceremony was held to invoke blessings on President Mahinda Rajapaksa to mark his 68th birthday and the eighth anniversary of his assumption of duties as President at the Western Province Chief Ministry recently. Here Al Haj Qaari F. Faizal Hassan Moulavi of Colombo Devatagaha Jumma Masjid conducts a dua prayer. Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and senior officials also participated.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



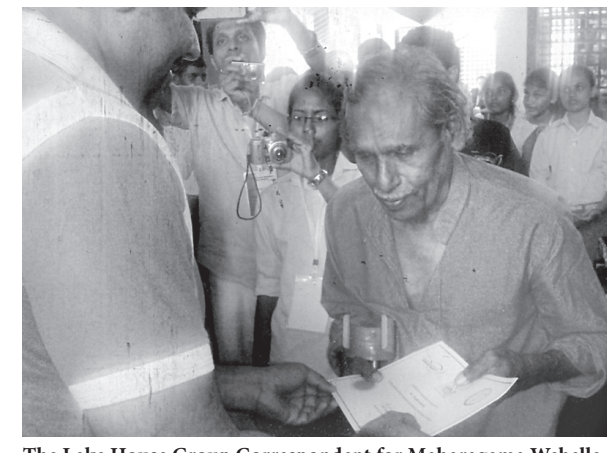
The monetary transaction during the Deepavali festival of the People's Bank branch, Kandy was held at the branch premises recently. Here the Assistant General Manager, Central Province R.M.S.B. Ratnayake accepts the first deposit from a customer, V. Velrajan. Senior Manager, D.M. Kapila Dissanayake looks on.
Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.



Religious ceremonies to invoke blessings on WPC members and the officials were held at the Venkateswarar Maha Vishnu Kovil, Dehiwela recently. Here the chief priest, S. Chandrakanthak Kurukkal President, International Hindu Religious Priests' Forum K. Wytheswarak Kurukkal, WPC Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia Mayor Dhanasiri Amarantunga and officials at the pooja.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A youth who had completed the training program at the Western Province Industrial Department was provided with equipment to launch self-employment by Western Provincial Industrial Minister Udhaya Gammanpila. Director of the Provincial Industrial Department, Nayana Senaratne is also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Lake House Group Correspondent for Maharagama Wehella Piyathilake was felicitated for his services for the National Youth Award Authority while serving on the Director Board. Here Chairman/Director General of the National Youth Services Council Lalith Piyum Perera presents a certificate at a ceremony held recently.
Pic: Sirisena Thudawage, Maharagama Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to provide housing assistance for selected blind persons islandwide was held at the Colombo Public Library main auditorium recently, by the Social Services Ministry and the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind. Here the Council's President Amarasena Gunawardena presents a cash voucher to a beneficiary. The Ministry's Additional Secretary Mrs. S.A.D.S. Subasinghe is also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Embuldeniya Traders' Association presented stationery and food parcels to 40 students from the low income groups in the area. Here Customs Officer Lalith Premasiri who sponsored 15 children presents a gift parcel to a student.
Pic: Wehella Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Zahira College, Colombo in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Pakistan Friendship Association organised the 'Iqbal Day' at the M.T.A. Furkan Hall, recently. Here the chief guest, High Commissioner of Pakistan, Major General Qasim Qureshi presents an award to the winner of the Iqbal Day contest. Principal Trizvi Marikkar and the head of the Social Welfare and Counselling Unit A.M. Mihlar were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The wedding ceremony of a speech-impaired couple took place at Methriwasa in Bellanthurra recently with Jagath Angage, Minister of Health, Women's Affairs, Child Care and Social Services as the witness. Romanu Galewela and Jampika Ananda Jayakody, the young couple were residents of the same orphanage.
Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.



Poultry chicks were donated during the Divi Naguma program, at the Divisional Secretariat, Ingiriya recently. 400 chicks were donated among 40 families. Here the Divisional Secretary, Ingiriya, Champa Upasena, Vice Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Ashoka Ranathunga at the ceremony.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Noyon Lanka (Pvt.) Co.Ltd in the Biyagama Free Trade Zone donated a Computer Centre to Davanagama Maha Vidyalaya recently. Here the Company Director Olivier Noyon opens the centre. CEO, S. Karunaratne, HR Manager, Chrisantha Chandradasa, Executive Nisantha Wijeratne and Principal Mrs. Nirmala Vidagama look on.
Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage.



The Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba, Mrs. Indira Lopez Arguelles paid a courtesy call on the Governor of the Southern Province Dr. Kumari Balasuriya at her official residence in Galle recently. Here the Cuban delegation with the Governor, Asst. Secretary E.P.I.G. Pathirana, Secretary Lal Samarasekera and Secretary to the Cuban Ambassador, Wilfred Jayasinghe.
Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



A one-day workshop was held at the Eheliyagoda, MOH's office on the hygienic preparation of short eats, grams, vadai with the participation of over fifty food vendors of Eheliyagoda Town recently. Here Eheliyagoda MOH, Dr. Nishanthi Gunawardana explains some finer points on hygiene.
Pic: Nimal Wijayathunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



A batch of 39 graduates from the Alayadivembu DS Division were placed in the permanent cadre recently. They received their appointment letters from Ampara District parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena and the District Secretary Neil De Alwis at the Secretariat. The ceremony was presided over by Divisional Secretary, Alayadivembu V. Jegatheesan.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



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