



The *Katina pinkama* of the International Cambodian Buddhist Centre, Kaduwela was held recently, in keeping with Cambodian traditions. The religious activities were conducted by devotees from France, Switzerland, USA, New Zealand, Australia and Cambodia. Here the foreign devotees at a religious program.

Pic: B.A. Podimahathaya, Udawalawa Cor.



National Namal Uyana founder, Vanavasi Ven. Rahula Thera and the chief incumbent of the Wellawatte International Buddhist Centre, Ven. Mahinda Thera were felicitated in recognition of their mission to spread Theravada Buddhism in Vietnam during the past four years. The ceremony was held at the Buddhist University at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Here the Deputy Director of the Buddhist University, Ven. Dr. Thick Glak Hong presents a memento to Ven. Rahula Thera. Retired principal Ranaweera Arachchi looks on.



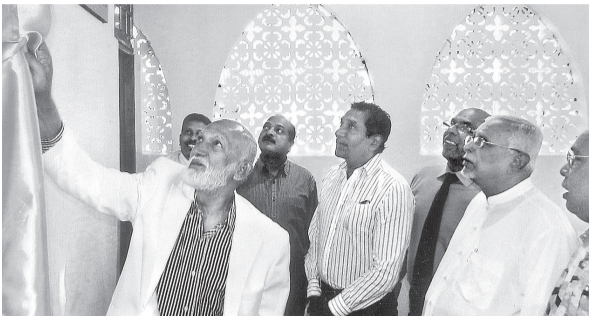
The annual sports meet of the Maitri Elders' Home, Bentota was held recently at Kommala Sports Club grounds. Bentota PS Chairman, Gayan Sirimanna was the chief guest. Here the elders take part in a balloon-bursting competition.

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



The Adults Day celebrations organised by the Adults Unit of the Horana Divisional Secretariat was held recently at the Secretariat auditorium, with the participation of former Prime Minister and Senior Minister for Good Governance and Infrastructure, Rathnasiri Wickramanayaka and Kalutara district parliamentary Vidura Wickramanayaka. Here the parliamentarian presents a gift to a senior citizen.

Pic: Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Cor.



The Lafir Cassim Auditorium named after the founder Secretary of the YMMA Movement was opened at the National Council of YMMA Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie unveils the nameboard. A.H.M. Azwer MP, YMMA President, M.M. Mohamed, Secretary, M.T.M. Imtiaz, Patron, S.B.C. Thassim, the sons of Lafir Cassim, Nisthar Cassim and Fairouz Cassim were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A building complex for the Giribawa PS in Galmuwa 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.



A new building for the Dangala Samurdi Bank was opened by Deputy Minister of Public Administration, Wijaya Dahanayaka recently, to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's 68th birthday. Here the Deputy Minister unveils the plaque. Matara District Secretary A.V.C. Vidanagamachchi is also in the picture.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuessa Gr. Cor.



Dr. Dinesh Goonetilleke Samarawickrema who won the State Literary Award for his adolescent novel *Alipelessa* receives the award from Dr. Gunadasa Amarasekera. *Alipelessa* is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



A blood donation campaign to commemorate the founders of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party was organised by the Party Horana Central Organisation at the Horana Town Hall recently. Here Kalutara district parliamentarian Vidura Wickramanayake in conversation with a donor.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



Irsan Mohamed of China Fort, Beruwala on behalf of Dr. Med Heike and Stephan Jorda of Germany, presented medical equipment to the value of over two hundred thousand rupees to the Maradana Clinic, Beruwala recently. The Midwife of the Clinic Mrs. Shiyama Hewawasam, Ifthikar Jameel and Anver are also in the picture.

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



Minister of Power and Energy, Pavithra Wanniarachchi presides at a meeting convened at the Puttalam District Secretariat to discuss problems faced by fishermen in Puttalam, due to a decision taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to erect electricity posts across the lagoon.

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



The marketing exhibition of the Western Province Industrial Department was held at the Waters Edge recently. Here Provincial Industries Minister Udhaya Gammanpila talks about an exhibit. Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmaga and others are also in the picture.

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



A new electricity project was commissioned by the Minister of Eastern Province Road Development, Irrigation, Housing Constructions, Water Supply and Rural Electrification M.S. Udumalebbe at Hilur Nagar village in the Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat division recently. Akkaraipattu Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman M.A. Razeek, Divisional Secretary M.Y. Saleem and Akkaraipattu Police Officer-in-Charge, U.L. Haja Mohideen were also present.

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



The Past Prefects' Association of Zahira College, Colombo organised the 'Zahira Super 16 Soccer 7s' for the ninth consecutive year at the Zahira College grounds recently. Here the Captain of the Champion team Zahira College, Mohamed Nuzri receives the Rs. 50,000 cash award and the Peace Cup from the chief guest and main sponsor of the tournament the CEO of the Pyramid Wilmar (Pvt) Ltd., O.H. Sulaiman. Principal Trizvi Marikkar, Board of Governors' Secretary, Rizvi Niya, PPA President Nihar Nawaz and Referees Development Officer Muhsin Ariff are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The newly concreted Ingiriya-Raigamwatte Road was opened recently, on an initiative by the Project Minister of Ports and Highways, Nirmala Kotalawala recently. Here Chairman, Horana Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusingha unveils the plaque to open the road.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



A blood-donation campaign to mark the 68th birthday of President Mahinda Rajapaksa was held at St. John's Church, Modera, Colombo 15, organised by the Lanka Janasarana Foundation and the Youth Buddhist Society. WPC Minister Upali Kodikara, Foundation Secretary Roshan Kaduruwana, Maharagama Mayor, Mrs. Kanthi Kodikara and Foundation members were also present.

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



Families from low-income groups in Wattala received sewing machines, under a self-employment project, with funds from the Western Provincial Councillor, Thusara Perera at the Wattala Town Hall recently. Pradeshiya Sabha member Rukman Perera is also in the picture.

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



A presentation of model bridal dresses organised by a batch of young women who had followed a beauty culture course at the Horana Secretariat Division was held recently at the Secretariat auditorium, with the participation of Kalutara District MP Vidura Wickramanayaka and Horana Divisional Secretariat C. Jayasinghe.

Pic: Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Cor.



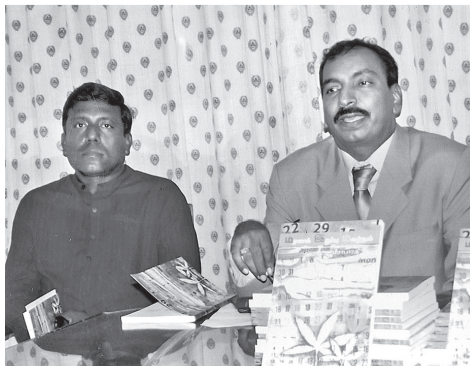
A training program on 'Accidental Emergency Risk Management and Occupational First Aid' for industrial nurses/occupational nurses was organised by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Gampaha branch at the Katana Training Centre recently. Here Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Gampaha district branch Chairman, Anton Victoria presents the certificate and a first aid kit to Ms. Thanuja Lasanthi, an occupational nurse from Noratell International Ltd., Katunayake.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Western Province Livestock Awards Ceremony 2013 was held recently at the Maharagama Urban Council auditorium, under the patronage of Chief Minister Prasanna Ranathunga. Second-placed Best Buffalo Milk Entrepreneur, Mrs. Dalrene Fernando Maradagahamulla receives her award from the Chief Minister. Provincial Minister of the Western Province Nimalansa was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The book review of the latest book, *Maranam Ilappu Malarthal* authored by popular South Indian novelist, Meera Barath was held at the Colombo Tamil Sangam Hall, Wellawatte, Colombo 6 recently. Here Medical practitioner Dr. Murali Vallipuram addresses the gathering while Dr. S. Sivadas looks on.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "What is the future of mankind?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre, Beddegana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Workshop on 'Diabetes-free life through Yoga'

A one-day workshop to guide the public to lead a diabetes-free life through Yoga therapy is being held every third Sunday of the month from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. organised by Dr. T. Kumaravel at the Yoga Kendra of Kingstons College International, Wellawatte branch.

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Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman A.M.W. Nowshad inaugurated the internal roads development work in Sammanthurai recently. The Mal 14th Road built at a cost of Rs. 13.2 million will be funded by the Economic Development Ministry, under the *Pura Neguma* Development program implemented by the Eastern Provincial Council. Here the chief guest, Chairman Nowshad and other guests being conducted to the worksite. Vice Chairman A. Kaleelur Rahman, Pradeshiya Sabha Secretary, A.A. Saleem and Divisional Secretariat's Addl. Planning Director, K.L. Hamza were also present.

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



The Western Cadet Band of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy emerged first at the All Island Schools Western Cadet Band Assessment Camp 2013 at the National Cadet Corps Training Camp, Rantembe recently. From left: (seated) Sgt. Wijetunge W.M.A.D., officer-in-charge, 2nd lieutenant A.T.W. Abeykoon, Drum Major A.E. Godage, Principal Mrs. J. Withanachchi, Teacher-in-Charge, NAK Wijekoon, Western music teacher, Mrs. G. Herath. Middle row: Jayaratne, Malwenna, Cpl Pathiraja, Cdt Hemmatagama, Cdt Wijesundara, Cpl Muhandiram, Cdt Lakmini, Cdt Wijeratne, Cdt De Silva, Cdt Pathirana, Cdt Dharmadasa, Cdt Aheleptiya, Cdt Gamage. Back row: Cdt. Ratnayake, Cdt. Wanigaratne, Cdt. Dissanayake, Cdt. Wickramasooriya, Cdt. Jayawardhena, Cdt. Egoewela, Cpl. Ekanayake, L/Cpl Weerakoon, L/Cpl Abeyasinghe, Cdt Idammudalige, Cdt Jayaratne.

Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.

Gunapala Karunapathirana felicitated

The Dehiwala Literary festival organised by the Divisional Secretariat was held at the S. de S. Jayasinghe auditorium recently. Here artist Gunapala Karunapathirana with the memento presented to him in recognition of his services.



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