



Consular and Immigration Head of the Sri Lanka High Commission in London, Chaminda Kularatne was felicitated in recognition of his services to the Sri Lanka community, at a ceremony held in the British Parliament recently. A wide section of the Sri Lankan community including Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims participated in the event, organised by British parliamentarian Stephen Tims. Sri Lanka's High Commissioner, Dr. Chris Nonis, East Ham Municipal Councillor, Lakmini Sha and Seychelles Consul General Bernard Silve are also in the picture.



The 80th annual feast of St. Francis Assisi Church, Maggona was celebrated recently. The chief celebrant at the festive vespers was his Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera, Auxiliary Bishop of Kurunegala, assisted by Rev. Dr. Camillus Fernando, Rector, Holy Cross College, Kalutara and Rev. Dr. Mark Fernando Provincial Superior of Franciscan. The feast was organised by Rev. Fr. Jude Asantha, Director, Franciscan Home, Maggona.



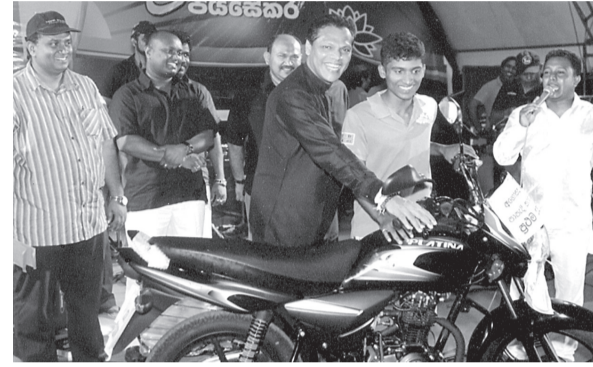
A shramadana campaign was held at Sri Parakramabahu Maha Vidyalaya, Narahenpita to mark the 68th birthday and the eighth anniversary of assumption of office of the presidency of Mahinda Rajapaksa recently. Here the Western Province Chief Secretary, Jayanthi Wijethunga and Western Province Education Secretary, S.T. Kodikara plant a sapling. Colombo Zonal Education Director, Jayantha Wikramaratna, Colombo South Divisional Education Director, A.J.M. Shah Ruk Khan and Principal, G.M.B.R. Weerakoon are also in the picture.

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



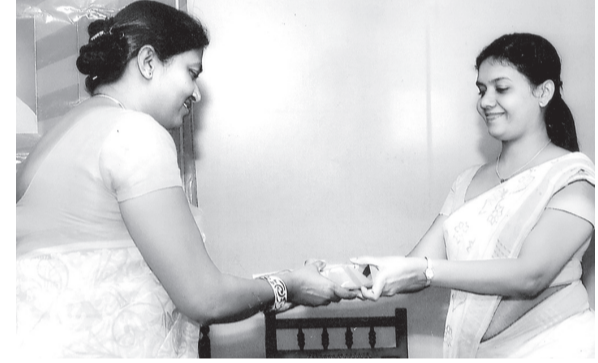
The 88th birth anniversary celebrations of Baghwan Sri Sathiyai Sai Baba, organised by the Sri Sathiyai Sai Baba Colombo Centre was held at the Sai Shrine, New Chetty Street, Colombo 13 recently. Here the annual souvenir is being presented by the President of the Centre, U.N. Udayanayahan to Deputy Director, Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department, S. Shanmuganathan.

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



President, Bingiriya Development Foundation, Sampath Disanayake organised a bicycle race for members of youth clubs in the Kurunegala district recently. Here the NWP-PC Chief Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara presents the first prize, a motorcycle to the winner.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Members of the Western Province Education Ministry Welfare Society were provided with CFL bulbs by the Provincial Environment Ministry recently. Here the Asst. Secretary (Planning), Nimali Perera presents a unit to the Chief Accountant, Education Ministry A.M.S. Malkanthi.

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



The first copy of the book 'Women and Politics in Sri Lanka' (Sinhala edition) by the former Mayor of Galle, Methsiri De Silva was presented to the Governor of the Southern Province Kumari Balasuriya recently, at the Governor's Secretariat in Galle.

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



A training program for newly recruited development officers for major irrigation schemes under the Irrigation Management Division was held at HARTI recently. Here Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, Nimal Siripala de Silva addresses the trainees. Director of Irrigation Management Division Chandrika Ethugala is on his left.

Pic: Mohamad Imthiyas, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



The inauguration of the Supasan Guru Pawra insurance scheme for Western Province teachers was held under the patronage of Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga in Colombo recently. Here Education Ministry Secretary, Western Province, S.T. Kodikara explains the scheme. UNP Provincial Councillor Srikanal Silva and other officials are also in the picture.

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



A newly built house at Natpiddymunai Division No: 2 in the Kalmunai DS Division constructed at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs, under the Thiriya Piyasa program implemented by the Samurdhi Social Development Forum was opened by Kalmunai Divisional Secretary M.W. Nawfel recently. Ampara District Samurdhi Deputy Director U.P.S. Anuruddha Piyadasa, District Coordinator, I. Aliyar, Headquarters Manager, A.R.M. Salih and Development Officer, M. Jameel were also present.

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



The Netherlands Embassy and the Dutch Burgher Union (DBU) organised a live concert of Yuri Homing's 'Wired Paradise' at the DBU recently. Here Dutch saxophonist Yuri Honing, a maverick in the European Jazz scene in action.



Devotees who have been nominated to proceed on the Holy pilgrimage to Sabarimalai in India being blessed at the All Ceylon Ananda Iyyappa Swamy temple, Aluthmawatha Road, Colombo 15, by Rajesh Nambuthiri Swamy of Kerala, India.

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



A science exhibition organised by teacher trainee, K.R.F. Izara of the Addalaichenai National College of Education was held at the Maruthamunai Al Hambra Maha Vidyalaya recently. Grade six and eight students in Grade 6-8 participated in the exhibition. Here the chief guest, College President M.I.M. Nawas opens the expo. Vice President M.H.M. Mansoor, lecturer A.G.A. Naleer, Principal A. Kunukathullah and Vice Principal I. Ubaitullah were also present.

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



The presentation of certificates and awards to winners of the Sahithya Day 2013 among employees of the Madurawala Pradeshiya Sabha was held recently at the PS auditorium. Here D. Shanthana, a PS employee who had contributed to the promotion of the PS, receives a gift from the Madurawala PS Chairman Puspajith Seelawickrama.

Pic: Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Cor.



The National Savings Bank, Kalutara branch held a lottery among women savings account holders and the winner was Nalani Hettiarachi. Here Manager G.D. De Alwis presents a gold coin to the winner. NSB officials, T.R.W. Rohini, N.H. Dayaratne, G.G. Somasiri and Dhammika Sendanayaka were also present.

Pic: Divakara Mohotti, Kalutara Gr. Cor.



A public library of the Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha was opened at Kalubowitiyana Siri Mangalarama Vihara by Deputy Minister of Public Administration Wijaya Dahanayake to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthday and the third anniversary of his second term of office. Matara District Secretary, A.V.C. Vidanagamachchi and Chairman, Kalubowitiyana Tea Factories Co. Ltd, Donald Abeyundara are also in the picture.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuresa Gr. Cor.



The Kandy Tamil Traders' Union organised the Deepavali Festival 2013 Sports meet at the Kundasala Grounds recently. Here the winning team captain, M. Sridhar receives the trophy from the chief guest, Minister of Central Province, M. Ram. Member of the Central Provincial Council, Velukumar, Union President S. Prem Raj Kumar, Secretary, M. Loganathan are also in the picture.

Pic: D. Vasanthakumar, Nawalapitiya Roving Cor.



A patient is being examined by a medical officer at the first medical camp organised by the Noor Youth Circle in the Puttalam town recently.

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



The Eheliyagoda Public Library won first place in the Best Performance category during the 'Month of Reading' as well as for Best Preservation of books, magazines, old newspapers at a competition held among the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councils at a competition organised by the National Library Services Association recently. Here Eheliyagoda PS Chairman, Sarath Sandanaik holds up the Merit symbol with the other Library staff.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The launch of the latest Tamil book titled Tamil Nadaga Arangu authored by Kalaigara Anthony Jeewa was held at the Old Town Hall, Pettah, recently. Here Colombo district parliamentarian, Praba Ganesan presents a copy to veteran Tamil artist Mrs. Jeya Gowri while former Deputy Minister Puthirasingamani and ITN Director Hasim Omar look on.

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



The 'Adults Day' celebrations organised by the Madurawala Secretariat Division was held recently at Kaudana Vasana Hotel, with the participation of several senior citizens in the area. Here D. Nebo Sirgho, (104), the oldest person in the division being offered a bagful of fruits by Kalutara District Secretary U.D.C. Jayalal, Madurawala PS Chairman Puspajith Seelawickrama is also in the picture.

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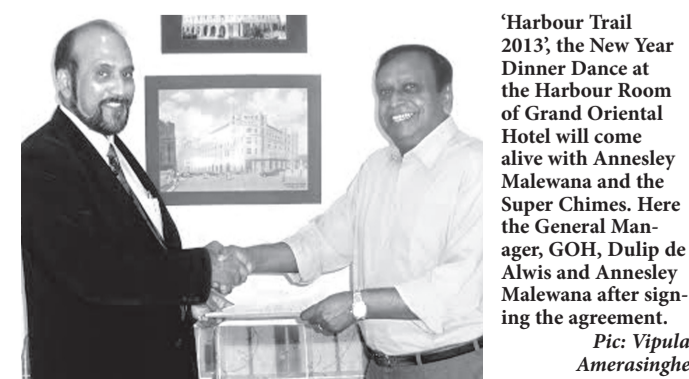
The Nenasala IT Training Computer Resource Centre at Kallarichal, Sammanthurai was opened recently. Here the chief guest, Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman and Ampara district Coordinator A.M.M. Nowshad opens the Centre. Vice Chairman A. Kaleelur Rahman, Nenasala Development Coordinator (North and East) A. Ameer and PS Secretary, A.A. Saleem were also present.

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



A two-day workshop was held at Hotel Famous, Eheliyagoda by the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration for a group of representatives of the language societies in Eheliyagoda. Here the Canadian 'Dialogue' Bilingual Institute Executive Director, Carole Fourier delivers a lecture.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



'Harbour Trail 2013', the New Year Dinner Dance at the Harbour Room of Grand Oriental Hotel will come alive with Annesley Malewana and the Super Chimes. Here the General Manager, GOH, Dulip de Alwis and Annesley Malewana after signing the agreement.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe