



Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the National Museum in Colombo while in Sri Lanka to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2013. Here he is being greeted by the Governor of the Southern Province Dr. Kumari Balasuriya while her husband and Minister of National Heritage, Dr. Jagath Balasuriya and Secretary to the Minister, Mrs. Nanda Wickramasinghe look on.
Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



The All Ceylon Moors Association held its foundation stone-laying ceremony for an eight-storied building for Muslim Ladies College, Colombo at the College recently. Here Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa, Education Minister Bandula Gunawardena, Post and Communication Minister, Jeevan Kumaratunga, Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, Principal Dr. Hajarjahan Munsoor and President of the ACMA, Prof. M. Fazli Nizar are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The annual Katina pinkama of the Paramitha Sri Bodhimalu Vihara, Gotatuwa was held under the patronage of Viharadhipathi Ven. Kirana Dhammatilleke Nayaka Thera recently. Here the *Atapirikara* is being offered to Ven. Dorapane Bhatthiya Thera by devotees.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The annual Katina Pinkama 2013 was held in Shrawasthipura, India recently, with the participation of Buddhist devotees from all over the world, organised by the Saviya Development Foundation and the Saviya Travel Service. Here the procession with the Maha Sangha wends its way to Jethawanaramaya. The series of pinkamas were held under the patronage of Pandith Ven. Rukmalpitiya Saddhaloka Maha Nayaka Thera, chief incumbent of Sri Lankaramaya, Shrawasthipura, India. Agga Maha Panditha Most Ven. Pallaththara Sumanajothi Nayaka Thera, Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna, Pandit Ven. Welithara Amarananda Anunayaka Thera, (Amarapura chapter) and Pandith Ven. Uluvitike Somarathana Thera, chief of Piyarathana Pirivena, Galle were also present.



A felicitation ceremony was held recently at the Kotmale Divisional Secretariat, which was modernised under the provisions of the Ministry of Public Management Reforms. Here Minister of Public Management Reforms Navin Dissanayake presents an award to Menaka Herath, Divisional Secretary, Kotmale, for his leadership in launching the project. Nuwara Eliya district MP U. Radhakrishnan, Central Provincial Councillor Kumara Dassanayake and Secretary to the Ministry of Public Management Reforms, W.M. Bandusena were also present.



A felicitation ceremony for former Trade and Commerce Minister A.R. Mansoor was held at Al Manar Central College, Maruthamunai recently, presided over by former Zonal Director of Education, M.H. Cader Ibrahim. The souvenir *Virutcham* on A.R. Mansoor was issued on that day. Here Managing Director of My Hope, Siddique Natheer receives the first issue from the chief guest, Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

EVENTS

Grace Perera Elders Home turns 50

The Grace Perera Home for Elders will celebrate its 50th anniversary today at 2.30 p.m., under the auspices of Mayor of Dehiwala-Galkissa, Dhanasiri Amararatunga, the chief guest while the chairman of Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd., Capt.M.G. Kularatna will be the guest of honour. The event is organised by the Galkissa Baudha Samithiya.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Is thought the cause of the decay of man?" 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.



Raulathush Shazuliya of the Maligawatte Jumma Masjid felicitates the newly appointed Raisul Mukkadam and Maligawatte Jumma Masjid Managing Trustee Al Haj M.S.M. Marzook at the Masjid recently. Here former Director Moulavi Al Haj Z.L.M. Mohamed, SLBC Muslim Service presents a memento to Marzook.



Ports and Highways Project Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena who opened the head office of Jagath Travels, a subsidiary of Genius Lanka Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, in Bentota, launches the Jagath travels website after the opening. Proprietor, Genius Lanka Holding (Pvt) Ltd, Jagath de Silva, Mrs. Nilmini Vasanthi de Silva and Kalutara UC Opposition Leader Rohana Abeygunawardene were also present.
Pic: Wimal Karunatileke



The scholarship funds awarding ceremony among seventy under-privileged university students, pursuing courses in medicine, dental science, agriculture and engineering was held recently. Here the Vice Chancellor Dr. W.K. Hirimburegama, the chief guest presents a voucher to a beneficiary. Former Minister M.H. Mohamed looks on. The scholarship was sponsored by the Sri Lanka Islamic Centre and the Islamic Development Bank, Saudi Arabia.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Two Islamic books *Asmaul Husna* and *Islamiya Natchinthanai* by SLBC Muslim Service artist M.B.M. Mahir was launched recently at the Marine Grand Banquet Hall, Colombo recently. Here M.M. Sabry receives a copy from Mahir. The chief guest, Justice Minister Rauff Hakeem, Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, spiritual head and life patron of the Rifai Thareeq, Seyed Mohammed, U.P. Ashique Thangal Rifai Moulana and Western Province Governor As Seyed Alavi Moulana were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The Pensioners' Association of the Bank of Ceylon, Central Province made a cash donation to A.D.M.T. Bandara, a differently-abled soldier, to purchase an artificial leg from the Jaipur Centre at Nugawela, Kandy. Here Amara Ranasinghe, wife of Bandara receives a gift of clothes from President, BOC Central Province Pensioners' Association, Ananda Jayasundera.
Pic: Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Spl. Cor.



An exhibition reflecting the creative ideas of students of the Primary section of Khairiya Muslim Girls School, Dematogoda was held at the school premises recently. Here the chief guest Dr. F.W. Rifai, Mrs. A.L.S. Nazeena Hasanar, Principal, Khairiya Muslim Girls School, A.B.M. Alavi, Deputy Director of Western Province Education Department and Principal, Primary Section view the exhibits.
Pic: A.S.M. Irshad, Colombo Fort Cor.



An Halara and Muzakara majlis were held at the Fassiya Jumma Mosque, China Fort, Beruwala recently, organised by the Shazuliya Council, China Fort. Here Moulavi H.A. Abdul Cader (Mahlari) from India addresses the gathering.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Deputy Minister of Coconut Development, Victor Anthony Perera and M.H.M. Minhaj, Chairman, Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha plant saplings to mark the birthday and the completion of third year of the second term in office of President Mahinda Rajapaksa at the Nuraicholai Jumma Masjid.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam Cor.



The All Ceylon YMMA Conference in collaboration with the Social Service Department and Janaza Society felicitated Edward Ahangama, Attorney-at-Law on his retirement after 37 years of service as the Chief City Corner, Colombo at the YMMA's Dr. A.M.A. Azeez auditorium recently. Here Farik Faris presents a memento to Ahangama. Director, Department of Muslim Religious Cultural Affairs M.H.M. Zameel was also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook.



The Eastern Province Cultural Affairs Department and Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat organised a traditional art and cultural ceremony at Akkaraipattu Athaullah auditorium recently. Here dramatist A.B. Dawood being honoured by the chief guest, Eastern Province Road Development Minister M.S. Udumalebbe.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The main entrance to the Sammanthurai Salambaikeni As Siraj Maha Vidyalaya, constructed by the 'My Hose' Managing Director, Sideeqe Natheer was opened recently. Here Natheer unveils the plaque while Sammanthurai Zonal Director of Education M.K.M. Manzoor and Principal S.M.M. Yusoff look on.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The launch of Hindu religious book, *Nandikkodi Eattri Kodikavi Pareer* authored by the Vice President of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC), Sinnathurai Dhanabala was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently. Here the maiden copy is being presented by the former ACHC President V. Kailasapillai to the Trustees Board member of Sri Venkateswarar Maha Vishnu Kovil, Modera, D. Venkatesan while the author looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The *Hafil* certificate-awarding ceremony organised by the New Kattankudy Jumma Grand Mosque was held recently. Here the chief guest, Deputy Economic Development Minister M.L.A. Hisbullah presents a certificate to a *Hafil* student.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



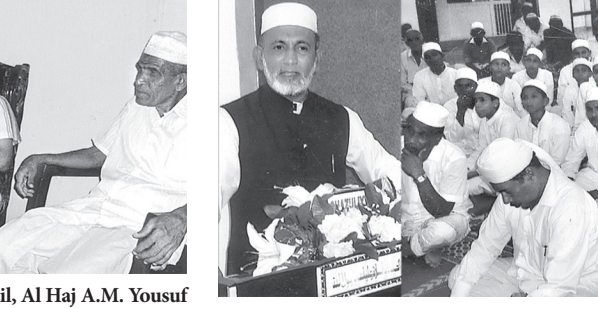
Mohan Raj Modowala's latest Sinhala novel, *Loveena* was launched recently at the Mahaweli Centre auditorium in Colombo 7. Here the author presents a copy to Meragahamula Nandapala.



The 63rd Sacred Heart Retreat was held at St. Joseph's Church, Grandpass, Colombo 14 recently, under the patronage of the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Anthony Fernando, CME. Here the chief guest is being welcomed by a parishioner.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate senior member of the Western Provincial Council, Al Haj A.M. Yousuf was held under the patronage of Al Haj A.R.M. Naleem recently. Here the Councillor addresses the well-wishers while Moulavi Rizkan Mohamed, Moulavi A.H.M. Saleem, S. Mukkadamshazuli, M. Mohamed look on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor M.M.M. Amjad gifted sports items to the Green Line Sports Club, Viyangalla, Agalawatte recently. Bulathsinhala Pradeshiya Sabha member M. Badurudeen is also in the picture.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



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