



Sri Lanka's National Program for Ethnic Harmony, held a conference for 'Sinhala-Muslim Harmony' recently at the Hilton Residencies under the patronage of the national organiser, Ven. (Prof) Kumburupitiye Vajira Thera and President, Muslim Affairs, Dr. Abdul Cader Mashoor Moulana. Executive Director Damitha Wickramasinghe and Operations Director, D.M.G. Amarabandu were also present. The new move promotes harmony between the majority Sinhala Buddhist community and the Muslim community.



The biography of Rev. Sarath Hettiarachchi, *Ashcharyawath Yugaye Pansale Piyatuma* authored by the Co-ordinating Officer to President Ven. Galagama Dammarama Thera was presented to President Mahinda Rajapaksa at "Temple Trees" recently while Sub-Editor Indika Sanjeewane Fernando and the author look on. President and Rev. Hettiarachchi exchange New Year greetings.



A free eye clinic and donation of spectacles organised by the Southern Provincial Councillor, Gayan Sanjeeva, under the *Neth Suwa* concept was held at the Derangala Selagiri Vihara and Dankotuwa Dumindaramaya recently. Here an oculist examines a bhikkhu.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



The Thrift and Credit Cooperative Society of Munna-kkariya, Negombo received the 'Health for Global' award 2013 from the Strom Foundation, Norway recently. Here acting Norway Ambassador Ms. Dagny Mfos presents the award to former President of the Society, Mrs. Mary Anas-tina. Minister, Western Provincial Council, W.A. Nimal Lanza, Mayor of Negombo, the Anthony Jayaweeriya and Deputy Minister M.S.M. Sakaulla are also in the picture.

Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



The Colombo Municipal Council organised an awards ceremony for Roman Catholic artists, proposed by the Human Development and Social Cultural Co-ordinating Committee for their service to the church. Here Ranil Rajapakshe who had acted the role of Jesus for over 27 years, receives his award from the chief guest, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando.

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



One hundred and fifty six teacher advisers were appointed to the Western Province at a function at the NADA auditorium of the WPC Cultural Ministry, Colombo recently. Here Western Province Governor, A. Alavi Moulana presents an appointment letter to a new advisor. Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga is also in the picture.

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



A credit scheme for low-income women in the Horana electorate was launched recently at the Horana Divisional Secretariat with the participation of Kalutara district MP Vidura Wickramanayake. Here Wickramanayake presents a cheque to a recipient. Horana Divisional Secretary Nis-hanthi Jayasinghe was also present.

Pic: Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Cor.



A shramadana campaign headed by Kolonnawa UC Chairman, Ravindra Udayashantha to clean the town was launched recently. Here the workers engaged in clearing the drains along Kolonnawa Road.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The National Youth Services Council (NYSC) distributed sports equipment to sports clubs at the Stacepura playgrounds, Grandpass, Colombo recently. Here Deputy Minister of Investment Promotion and Colombo Central SLFP Organiser Faizer Musthapha presents a gift to a club. Chairman and Director General, NYSC Lalith Pium Perera, Western Provincial Councillor Jagath Kumara, Deputy Mayor, Kotte Madura Witanage and members of the Council were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Southern Province Education Minister Chandima Rasaputhra was felicitated recently at Sujatha Vidyalaya, Matara. Here Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya presents a gift to the Minister.

Pic: A.W. Gunawardhane, Matara Central Cor.



A one-day workshop for youth on 'Career Guidance and Youth' was organised by the Win Sys Network at the Paradise auditorium in the Ampara and Batticaloa districts recently. Youth Parliamentarian A.L.M. Rizan presided. Eastern Province Development Coordinator Berdy Perera, Win Network Director, Siyam Abdeen and Addalaichenai Pradeshiya Sabha Member, S.L. Munas were also present.

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



A wheelchair donation, organised by the Western Provincial Councillor, P.D. Aberathna was held at Isurupura in Ingiriya recently. Here a differently-abled woman Y.P. Asilin Nona after receiving the wheelchair from the Councillor.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The Counsellor of the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Director, Russian Centre, Colombo, Andrey M. Nazarkin with his wife visited the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka recently. Here the Counsellor in discussion with the Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.M. Mohamed Ismail, on Russian Government scholarships for academics.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A science exhibition by teacher trainees of Addalaichenai National College Education was held at the College premises recently. Here Senior Lecturer M.B.A. Azees, Lecturer E.M.A. Anzar Moulana and Batticaloa National College of Education, Lecturer S. Jeyakumar view some of the exhibits.

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



Ummu Dhardha Ladies' Islamic College, Akkaraipattu held its first convocation recently at Meeru Masjid, Akkaraipattu, under the patronage of its principal, Moulavi M.M. Abdul Hamid (Ahsani). Principal, East Ceylon Arabic College and President of Jemmiyathul Ulama Moulavi M.A.M. Latheef (Bahjee) the chief guest presents a certificate of merit to a parent of a student who completed her Moulavi studies.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



A demonstration workshop for housewives in Bingiriya in Kurunegala was held recently at the Bingiriya AGA's Office, on 'Proper Baking and Decorating of cakes for Festivals', organised by the Women's Bureau of Bingiriya AGA's office. Over 150 young housewives were trained by the instructor.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Vice President of the Youth Council of CHOGM, Sadam Sajahan and the Puttalam delegates were accorded a welcome when they arrived in Puttalam, for the first time after the CHOGM. Here they are conducted in a procession by K.A. Baiz, Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council. The delegation consisted of A. Arzath Ali, S. Fathima Zareeka, Hizam Maraikar, Nusab Shabiur, the Treasurer of Football Federation of Sri Lanka, J.M. Jawzi and M.F.F. Fasla. NWP Councillor N.T.M. Tahir and S.H. Niyas, Asst. Director of Education, Z.A. Zahir and Principal of Al-Madrasathul Cassimiya Abdullah Mohood Alim were also present.

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

EVENTS

Bohras to celebrate Milad-un-Nabi

The Bohra community of Sri Lanka has organised a colourful procession to mark Milad-un-Nabi, Prophet Mohammad's (SA) birthday tomorrow, in Colombo commencing 11.30 a.m. from Maliban Street, Pettah, Colombo 11.

The procession will wend its way along Maliban Street, First Cross Street, Olcott Mawatha, Second Cross Street, Main Street, Third Cross Street, Keyzer Street and conclude in front of the Masjid (Mosque) on Fourth Cross Street around 12.30 p.m.

AGM of Group of '80 Zahira College

The Annual General Meeting and Fellowship of the Group of '80 Zahira College, Colombo will be held on January 18 at the Abdul Ghaffor Hall, Zahira College, Colombo at 4.00 p.m.

President of the G80, Feroze Inham will preside. The fellowship is co-ordinated by M.H. Aslam Kamil (0773630060) and Milhan Lafir (0774780052).

Old Girls' get-together

The Old Girls' Association of Fathima Muslim Ladies College, Colombo 12 will hold its get-together on January 15 from 3.00 p.m. at the College hall.

Meelad-un-Nabi on Tuesday

The Board of Trustees of Ummu Zavaya Mosque, Colombo 12 has organised its Meelad-un-Nabi celebration, to mark Holy Prophet Muhammad's (sal) birthday on Tuesday at 8.00 a.m. at the Mosque, under the patronage of Kaleefathul Kulafa Moulavi J. Abdul Hameed (Bahji). The SLBC Muslim Service will broadcast the Mowlood program live from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Ulamas, Muqqaddams and Ikwans will participate in the Majlis.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on, "Is there any survival after death?" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today t 9.45 a.m.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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A book entitled 'Herbal Terror' was released at the WPC Environment Ministry, Colombo recently. Here the founder of Environment and Human Rights International Foundation, G.A. Edirisinghe presents the first copy to WPC Environment Minister, Udhaya Gammanpila.

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



A group of non-academic staff of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka undertook a four-day study tour of the Sinharaja Forest Reserve, in association with the Staff Development Centre of the University led by its Director Dr. S.M. Ahamed Lebbe. Here the team before their departure from the Oluvil campus.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz delivers the keynote speech at the opening session of the two-day training program for pre-school teachers at the Puttalam Public Library auditorium.

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



A trade fair and exhibition was held to encourage members of the Eheliyagoda Kantha Bala Mandalaya by the Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat in Eheliyagoda town recently.

Pic: Nimal Wijayaratunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.