



The Sri Lanka Administrative Service Union's 50th anniversary celebrations were held at the BMICH recently. Here the chief guest President Mahinda Rajapaksa presents a memento to Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister, W.D.J. Seneviratne. Union President, Colombo District Secretary H.D. Kamal Padmasiri and other officials are also in the picture.

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



Southern Naval Area Commander, Rear Admiral, D.E.C. Jayakody paid a courtesy call on Southern Province Governor Dr. Kumari Balasuriya in Galle recently. Here the Admiral presents a memento to the Governor.

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



Wellknown science writer and astronomer, Anura C. Perera launched *Dalada Varuna*, a monthly magazine published for free distribution by the Sri Dalada Maligawa. Here Anura Perera presents a wall-hanging of the perahera to the Maligawa. K. Meegahakumbura, Secretary, Local Buddhist Activities Bureau, Krishantha Hissella, Director, Media and Special Projects Bureau, C.W. Karunaratana, Secretary General, Maligawa are also in the picture. The donation was made to confer merit on Mrs. Charlotte Beneragama, the mother of Anura Perera.



A heart patient from Mathugama was provided with funds raised by the staff of the Transport Ministry on the initiative of Transport Minister Kumara Welgama recently. Here the Minister presents the collection to the patient's mother at his Mathugama office.

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



The annual bana-preaching organised by the staff of the Nikaweratiya Pradeshiya Sabha and the library was held recently at the Sabha premises. Ven. W. Dunawimala Thera delivered the sermon. Chairman, Nikaweratiya PS, S.A. Sriyananda and President of the Readers' Forum Sunil Abeysinghe are also in the picture.

Pic: S.M. Wijayaratne, Kurunegala Cor.



Higher Education Minister S.B. Dissanayake laid the foundation stone for the new buildings of the engineering and agricultural faculties of the Jaffna University. Here Minister and Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development Minister Douglas Devananda speaks to the press.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Nilantha Upul Udaya Kumara Botheju and Mrs. Madugoda Shayamali Kumara Botheju, proprietors of Niyalek Solid Designers, Homagama, donated a plot of land of 15 perches to the Aroggya Foundation for the Differently-abled, Maharagama, to build a neuro-surgical treatment centre at Panabuwa, Homagama. Here Botheju and Mrs. Botheju present the title Ven. Linapane Ariyadamma Thera. Chairman of the Foundation, Gamini Dissanayake and Co-ordinating Secretary P.A. Gunawardane are also in the picture.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Cultural Section of the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran organised the Iranian Film Festival at the National Film Corporation recently. Here the Chairman of the Corporation, Asoka Serasinghe lights the oil lamp. Ambassador Mohammed Nabi Hassanipoure and Cultural Counsellor, Dr. Alireza Khoshrou are also in the picture.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Satha Sarana, the Three-Wheel Drivers' Association of Mundel held an alms-giving to seek protection from fatal accidents in the Mundel Police Division.

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



Kemal Mardeka Miskin and Mrs. Zanir Anomi Miskin, Sri Lankans domiciled in Melbourne, Australia donated a 25-perch land with a bungalow in Minuwangoda, to the All Ceylon YMMA Conference recently. Here National President, All Ceylon YMMA Conference, K.N. Deen receives the donation. Past Presidents Cader M. Ali, Khalid Farouk, Chairman of the Board of Trustees M. Ashroff Rumi, Zubair Hassen, Iflal Abdulla, Sadique M. Saleem (Vice President) and M.S.M Amhar (Special member) were also present.

## EVENTS

### Colombo Chapter AGM

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya, Colombo Chapter will be held on Sunday, March 9, at Shalika Hall, Park Road, Colombo 5 at 9.30 a.m.

Vice Chancellor, Peradeniya University, Prof. Athula Senarathna will be the chief guest and the guest of honour will be Chairman DSI Group Kulatunga Rajapaksha.

The new council of Management will be selected on this day. Members of the Colombo Chapter will be present.

### Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public lecture on 'An action that is not the outcome of thought' delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Study Centre Hall, Beddagana, Duwa Road, Kotte today at 10.30 a.m.

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



A ceremony to felicitate youth in Maligaikadu was held recently at the Sainthamaruthu M.H.M. Ashroff Vidyalaya, organised by the Maligaikadu Youth Club. Here CIMS campus Managing Director Anver M. Musthaffa presents a memento to a youth.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The Kalmunai Islamic Social Union organised a ceremony, 'Helping Hand', to provide assistance to differently-abled in Kalmunai at the Kalmunai Mahmood Ladies College Hall recently. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor, Aarif Samsudeen presents relief items to a beneficiary.

Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.



The certificate-awarding ceremony organised by the Addalaichenai National College of Education was held at the College auditorium recently. Here the President of the College, M.I.M. Nawas presents a memento to a teacher-trainee.

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



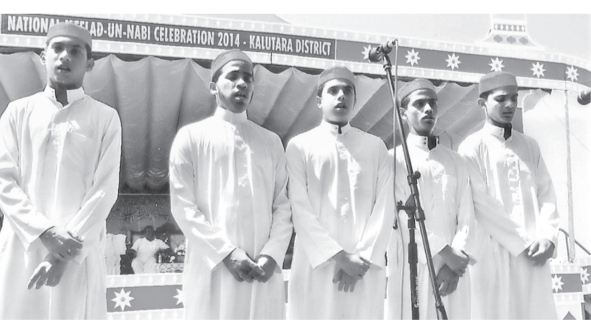
Appointment letters were presented to provincial organisers of the Navodaya Youth Foundation at its headquarters, Sea Street, Pettah recently. Here Foundation President S.K. Krishna presents the letter to a branch organiser while members look on.

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



The development project of the Panadura Thotawatta Grand Masjid was launched recently. Here the chief guest, chief Katheeb of the Colombo Grand Masjid and Kaleefathul Kulafa, Moulavi J. Abdur Wameed Bahji, Moulavi Mohamed Kaleefa, Moulavi Awn Kaleefa and Milfer Makeen being conducted to the venue.

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



The National Meelad-un-Nabi celebrations were held at the Urban Council Ground, Beruwala recently. Here students of Jamiyathul Fasiyyathul Shazuliya, China Fort, Beruwala sing the Kaseeda.

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



Pastor Mohan C. Lazarus unveils the memorial plaque of the newly constructed assembly hall of the Covenant of Shalom Christian Assembly at Cyril C. Perera Mawatha, Kotahena, Colombo 13 recently. Pastor Marison Rodrigo looks on.

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



International Communication Unit Project Coordinator, Ramitha Sarma and Senior Advisor, Sameer Sarman being welcomed by the students of Puttalam Zhira Primary School and Principal M.S.M. Hilmy at the opening of the new computer unit.

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

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A ceremony was held at the Maruthamunai Public Library to distribute identity cards among members of the Handloom Textiles Society recently, which were presented by Kalmunai Municipal Commissioner, J. Liyakaththali to the President N.M.M. Ameer. Deputy Commissioner Labour Department M.S.M. Anzar and Asia Foundation Program Officer M.I.M. Valeeth were also present.

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



The 26th death anniversary of actor, singer, politician Vijaya Kumaratunga was held recently at the Vijaya Kumaratunga Conference Hall, Eheliyagoda, with the participation of cabinet ministers, politicians, the clergy and a large number of Vijaya supporters.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Minister of Plantation Industries, Mahinda Samarasinghe addresses the gathering after laying the foundation stone for the Sri Muthumariamman temple in Payagale Estate, Dodangoda. Minister Nirmala Kotelawala and Kalutara district Hindu Cultural Officer, Bawam Muhandan are also in the picture.

Pic: V. Moorthie, Ingiriya TKN Cor.



Mayor of Wattala-Mabola Municipal Council, A.H.M. Nausad lights the oil lamp to open the newly constructed Sub Post Office at Aperiwatte, Wattala recently. Former WPC member Nimal Lansa, Pradeshiya Sabha and member Nimesh Nimanka participated.

Pic: M. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.