



Panadure Viharasthna Granthaya (A book on Buddhist temples in Panadura), sponsored by the Panadura Mithrodaya Society was launched recently at the Sudarshi Hall of Sri Sumangala Balika Vidyalaya, Panadura. Here Prime Minister and Minister of Buddhist Affairs D.M. Jayaratne presents a copy to Viharadhipathi Rankoth Vihara and Head of the Faculty of Sanskrit, Kelaniya University, Ven. Prof. Kahapola Sugatharathana Anunayaka Thera. Minor Export Crop Promotion Minister Reginald Cooray, Society President, Dr. Upali Jayawardena and the organiser K.D. Gamini Peiris look on. *Pic: Geeth de Mel*



The Ceylon Transport Board Depot Akkaraipattu celebrated its 36th anniversary recently. Here Transport Minister Kumara Welgama, the chief guest, felicitates one of the senior staffers who had completed 25 years service. Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athaulla is also in the picture. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Dr. Rajitha Senaratne unveils the plaque, after laying the foundation stone for the proposed Kaikawala Fishery Anchorage in Bentara – Elptiya recently. Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Sarath Kumara Gunaratna, SPC member Geetha Kumarasinghe, Bentota PS Chairman, Gayan Sirimanna are also in the picture. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



The Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Colombo organised a Ramadan **Iftar** ceremony at the Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel recently. Here Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie, Eastern Province Chief Minister, Najeeb A. Majeed and ITN Director Hashim Omar on the occasion. *Pic: Ruzaik Farook.*



The new Secretary of the Education Ministry of the Western Provincial Council, M.A.B.D. Senarath assumed duties at the Ministry office at 'Sravasti Mandiraya', Colombo 7 recently. Western Province Chief Secretary, Jayanthi Wijetunge is also in the picture. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*



The 202nd annual meeting of the Ceylon Bible Society was held at the Bible House auditorium recently. From left: General Secretary, Mrs. Lakshani P. Fernando, President, Sriyantha Senaratna, Patron, Ceylon Bible Society and Bishop of Colombo, Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj R. Canagasabay, Emeritus Bishop of Kurunegala, Rt. Rev. Kumara Illangasinghe, Dr. (Mrs.) Lakmini Illangasinghe and Vice President, CBS, Miss Sriyangani Fernando.

EVENT

Deaf School Past Pupils' Association AGM

The Deaf School Past Pupils' Association, Ratmalana will hold its 65th Annual General Meeting on August 3 at the Stanley Hall, The School for the Deaf, Ratmalana from 9.30 a.m. followed by lunch. Founded in 1949 by the late Messrs Stanley Perera, Dennis Fonseka and Ryle de Mel, the Deaf School Past Pupils' Association has grown in strength, prestige and service. The Deaf School Past Pupils' Association and the School for the Deaf, Ratmalana were founded in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) the same year.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Why is there such chaos in the world?" 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.



Award winning Science author R.B. Atapattu presented the first copy of his latest book on astronomy, **Ahasa**, a Sarasavi publication to well-known astronomer Anura C. Perera, at the Book Fair organised for the eighth time by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers' Association, at the Kandy City Centre recently. Mrs. Kumudini Haputhanthri, Managing Director, Sarasavi Group of Companies, Premasiri Haputhanthri, Managing Director, Samayawardhana Book Shop (Pvt) Ltd., Ariyadasa Weeraman and Hony. Secretary of Central Province Writers Association Ivan Alwis are also in the picture.



A new SLFP branch office was opened at Thorana Junction, Kelaniya, under the patronage of Kelaniya Chief Organiser and Minister of Public Coordination and Public Affairs, Mervyn Silva recently. Here the Minister addresses the gathering while the staffers look on. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



SriLankan Airlines opened a branch in Batticaloa recently and a press briefing was held in this connection at Hotel East Lagoon, Batticaloa. Here SriLankan Airlines Chairman Nishantha Wickramasinghe addresses the gathering. Traveller Global Pvt., Ltd., Chairman/Managing Director Rizmi Reyah, SriLankan Airlines Chief Marketing Executive, G.T. Jeyaseelan, Head of Worldwide Sales, Lal Perera and Regional Manager, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Saminda Perera were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Laila Umma Deen Foundation in association with Al Ihsan Trust distributed Ramadan food hampers among the needy at Al Hija Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo recently. Here Agriculture, Animal Production and Development, Rural Industries Development, Fisheries and Tourism Minister of the Eastern Province, Nazeer Ahmed presents a hamper. President, Dr. Haris Deen, All Ceylon YMMA Conference Board of Trustees' Chairman, Khalid M. Farook, ASP Lalith Abeysekera and coordinators, Musthaneer Annis and Nuzri Munsoor are also in the picture. *Pic: Ruzaik Farook*



The Sri Lanka Muslim Funeral (Janaza) Service Society of Kalutara presented food items to inmates of the Jawatha Prison in Kalutara recently. Here M.F.M. Nalry presents parcels to the Rehabilitation Officer of the Kalutara Prisons, S.A. Indika. *Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.*



The seventh anniversary of the Government Service Pensioners' Association, Bentota was held recently at the Bentota Divisional Secretariat auditorium. Here the chief guest, Divisional Secretary Bentota, Wasantha Withanage presents a special award to the oldest member. *Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.*



Packets of medicine tablets were presented to the Sainthamaruthu District Hospital by the Secretary of the Eastern Friendship Organisation, A.C.A. Najeem. Here the District Medical Officer, Dr. N. Aariff receives the gift. RDHS, Dr. A.L. Alaudeen is also in the picture. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



A free-eye camp organised by the Eastern Provincial branch of the Union of Postal Department was held at the Bismilk Hotel, Maligaikadu recently. Here Ophthalmologist Dr. Al-Ameen Razath examines a patient. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



Medical equipment was donated to hospitals in the Kalmunai region by the Eastern Province Health Services, Cooperatives, Information Technology and Sports Minister, M.I.M. Mansoor at the Kalmunai RDHS office recently, presided over by Kalmunai Regional Director, Dr. A. Alawdeen. Akkaraipattu, Komari, Karathivu, Thirukkivil, Periya Neelawanai and Pottuvil hospitals will benefit by the scheme. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Okians Talent Show 2014 of the OKI International School was held in the main hall of OKI Primary School, Wattala recently. Here the chief guest, OKI International School Chairperson Mrs. Nirmalie Saparamadu lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the show. *Pic: Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana Gr. Cor.*



A workshop for Ulamaas was organised by the Puttalam Himayathul Umma Movement at the Puttalam Library auditorium recently. Here Urban Council Chairman, K.A. Baiz who chaired the workshop presents a certificate to a participant. *Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.*



Commissioner General of Prisons, Chandraratne Pallegama opened a martial arts training centre for prison officers at the Dalupotha Juvenile Reformatory recently. Karate exponent B. Prasanna Fernando, has been appointed chief instructor. Prisons Commissioner Lakshman Abeygunawardene and several other officials participated in the inauguration. Here two prison officers being trained by their Master.



The commemoration ceremony of former President of the All Ceylon Hindu Congress (ACHC) V. Balasubramaniam was held at the Saraswathi Hall, Bambalapitiya recently, organised by the Hindu Vidya Virutti Sangam and the ACHC. Here Mrs. Shanthi Balasubramaniam garlands the portrait of her late husband. *Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



A CD on the South Indian popular Tamil film artist, M.G. Ramachandran (MGR) was launched at the Old Town Hall, Pettah recently. Here a CD on MGR being presented to photo journalist, A. Maduraveeran by ITN Director Hasim Omar. Social worker, Mrs. Kawsalyadevi Govindapillai, chief organiser, Imran Nainar and Dr. Abdul Kaiyoom are also in the picture. *Pic: Colombo North Gr. Cor.*



The Addalaichenai branch of the Bank of Ceylon presented gifts to customers recently. Here the Manager, G.P.L. Amarasekiriya presents a gift to an account holder. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Divisional Development Committee meeting of the Sammanthurai Division was held recently at the Divisional Secretariat auditorium, Sammanthurai. Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaullah addresses the gathering. Eastern Province Road Development Minister, M.S. Udumalebbe, Health Minister, M.I.M. Mansoor, Eastern Provincial Councillor M.T.A. Ameer, Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman, A.M.M. Nowshad, Divisional Secretary, A. Mansoor and the heads of departments were also present. *Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.*



The Kalmunai **Nenasala** launched its website at the Safa Reception Hall, Kalmunai recently. Here President, Kalmunai Development and Management Council, Dr. A.L.M. Nazeer launches the website. Nenasala Director, S.M. Hajakhan is also in the picture. *Pic: M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Gr. Cor.*



A farewell party was organised by the WPC Education Ministry staff for the outgoing Ministry Secretary, S.T. Kodikara at the Chief Ministry auditorium recently. Here Senior Assistant Secretary, Malsiri Seneviratne presents a memento to Kodikara, who assumes duties as Additional Secretary to the President. *Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.*