

apanese Day was celebrated recently at the residence of the Japanese ambassador in Colombo 7. Many distinguished guests were present on the occasion. The Chief Guest was Minister Dinesh Gunawardena



Chief Guest Minister Dinesh Gunewardena and Ambassador Hobo raise a toast



Mr Alexander A Karachava, **Ambassador of Russia** 



Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva with Ambassador Hobo



**Madam Tomomi Hobo Orita and Ambassador Nobuhito Hobo** 



Ministers A H M Fowzie, Chief guest, Minster Dinesh Gunawardena and Minister Siripala De Silva





Mahinda Balasuriya, Y K Sinha, High Commissioner of India Secretary, Ministry of and Madam Sinha



Harry Jayawardane and Ms. Jayawardane with Madam Hobo on left



Mr and Ms. Nalaka



Mr and Ms. Ranjith Bandara



Ranjit Jayewardene and Mala



Professor Missaka P B Wijayagunawardane



Prof. Carlo Fonseka and Ms. Fonseka



Yuko



Patrick Vanderbroon Ms. Robyn Mudie, High Commissioner and Ms. Vanderbroon



W. B.Ganegala, **Chairman CEB** 



Fabrizio Pio Arpea, **Ambassador of Italy and Madam Pio Arpea** 



Lalith Piyum Perera, **Chairman of NYSC** 



Lt.Gen. R.M.D. Rathnayake, Army Commander and Ms. Ratnayake



Maj.Gen. Sanath



Mr.and Mrs. Giuseppe Crocetti, Chief of Mission, IOM



South Korea and his wife



Dr.A.T. Ariyaratne and Ms. Ariyaratne





Rajpal Abeynayake, **Chief Editor, Daily News** 



**Wives of Japanese Embassy staff** 



Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha, MP



Arindam Bagchi and Ananya - Deputy High **Commissioner of India** 



Foreign Secretary Kshenuka Seneviratne, and US Ambassador Michele Sison



**Ambassador of Thaiand and Madam Pornravee** 



Manoj and Kokila



**Nihal and Leonie** 



Sonya and Lianne



From left Japanese Ambassador Nobuhito Hobo, Editor-in-Chief of the Sunday Observer Dinesh Weerawansa Ms Tomomi Hobo Orita and Ms Shashithanganee Weerawansa