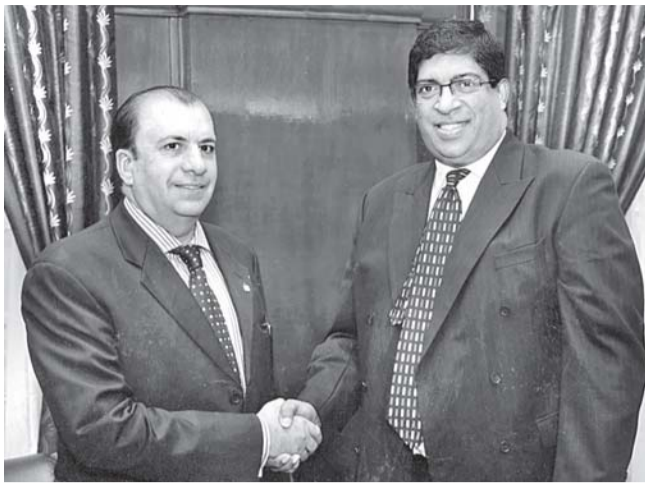




A blood donation campaign was organised for the 18th consecutive year at the Excursions College International, an English language institute headed by Poojitha Wijesinghe on Valentine's Day. The chief incumbent of Kotte Sri Naga Vihara, Ven. Maduluwaha Sobhitha Thera was present. Poojitha Wijesinghe, Dhananjani Wijesinghe, Assistant Manager, Harsha Gunasekera and former President, All Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Sugath Devapriya were present. (At left) Students donate blood.



United Arab Emirates' Ambassador Abdulhamid Abdul Fatih K. Al Mulla called on Finance Minister Ravi Karunanayake at the Finance Ministry, Colombo recently.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



Media and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Gayantha Karunatilake lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the annual inter-house sports meet of NCFE College, Mulleriyawa recently. Principal and Director, National Children's Education Foundation, Ven. Dr. Bandagiriye Somawansa Thera and Kolonnawa Zonal Education, Director Yamuna Mahanama look on.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Attorney-at-Law A.H.G. Ameen's book *Concept of Marriage - Logic and Reason* (An Islamic Perspective) was held at the Justice Ministry auditorium recently. Here the author presents the first copy to Justice Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe PC, Supreme Court Judge, Justice Saleem Marsoof PC and Ministry Secretary, Mrs. Kamalini De Silva look on.

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



A mobile campaign to provide National Identity Cards to those who do not hold identity cards in the Gampaha district was held at the Ja-ela Divisional Secretariat recently. Here Minister of Home Affairs, Joseph Michael Perera lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the camp. Deputy Commissioner of the Registration of Persons Department, G.A.R. Devapriya and Ja-ela Divisional Secretary W.G. Premalal look on.

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



The new Chief Minister of Eastern Province, Hafeez Nazeer Ahamed paid his first official visit to Kinniya following a request by Trincomalee district parliamentarian and Deputy Minister of Transport, M.S. Thoufeek recently. Here the Chief Minister in discussion with the Deputy Minister and other officials.

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



The new NDB Bank branch in Hendala was opened by the Bank's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rajendra Theagarajah recently. Here the CEO receives the first deposit from a customer while the Branch Manager Gayan Alawatta looks on.

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



Industry and Commerce Minister and All Ceylon Muslim Congress Party leader Rishad Badiudeen who visited the Central Camp in the Ampara district recently, addresses a public meeting. Housing and Samurdhi Deputy Minister M.S.S. Ameer Ali and ACMC, General Secretary Y.L.S. Hameed were also present.

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



The 27th commemoration ceremony of former Sri Lanka Mahajana Party leader, Vijaya Kumaratunga was held at the New Town Hall, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7 recently, organised by the Mahajana Sahartha Sansathaya. Here the sister of the late Kumaratunga, Mrs. Rupa Kumaratunga lays a floral tribute.

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



A certificate-awarding ceremony for State sector officials in Kalutara who had completed the computer training was held in Kalutara recently. Here Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Kalutara district parliamentarian Ajith Perera inspects the unit. (At right) Panadura Pradeshia Sabha Opposition Leader, M.N.M. Tahhir Fassy presents a certificate to an employee.

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



The proprietor Vishva Book Publishers, Dharmadasa Panditharathne launched his first publication, *Daham Guru Adyapana Pravesha*, written by Gunasekera Mahathantri at the Dayawansa Jayakody Bookshop, Colombo 10 recently. Here Panditharathne presents a copy to Dayawansa Jayakody. Ananda Goonethilleke, Attorney-at-Law, Tennyson Perera, Gongi Thota Sarath and Susil Hewage look on.

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



The long-felt need for telephone facilities was fulfilled by S. Lafir who inaugurated telephone services to Akkaraipattu Faiza Maha Vidyalaya, Mohammadiya Junior College and Ar Raheemiya Vidyalaya recently. Here the chief guest, Akkaraipattu Zonal Director, A.L.M. Cassim presents a telephone to Ar Raheemiya Vidyalaya Principal A.L.M. Zainudeen. S. Lafir looks on.

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



The Eastern Province Rural Development Department conducted a two-day workshop on *Livelihood awareness for womenfolk* in the Ampara district at the Akkaraipattu Cultural Centre auditorium recently. Here Ampara District Rural Development Officer, H. Kaleelur Rahman presents a certificate to a participant. Eastern Province Chief Ministry's Secretary, U.L.A. Azees is also in the picture.

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



Jorg Sperling, a German national who had visited Sri Lanka several times after the tsunami and donated money for the reconstruction of the damaged Sambodhi Children's Home, Galle, presents toys to differently-abled children during his recent visit to the Home.

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



A two-day workshop on *Workplace excellence and customer care* for the staff of Bank of Ceylon branches in the Batticaloa district was conducted at the Hotel East Lagoon auditorium, Batticaloa recently. Here Deputy General Manager, K.E.D. Sumanasiri (Human Resources) conducts the program.

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



A music program titled *Isai Vizha* organised by the Vidyalaya Isaiyagam was held at the Navalar Manimandapam, Modera, Colombo recently. Here a veena musical item in progress.

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



A shramadana to clean the playground of Milindu preschool, Mandalapura was held recently. Over 40 volunteers took part.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



A blood donation camp was organised by the Puttalam Cooperative Forum, on the initiative by Urban Council Chairman, K.A. Baiz recently at the Puttalam Town Hall. Here the volunteers donate blood.

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



The Lakseya Photography Academy organised a photography course for junior photographers and for those interested in photography, recently under the direction of Lakseya Head, Nimal Undugoda. Here Senior Computer Instructor, Sandun Priyankara and Lecturer Athula Ranaraja conduct the course.

Pic: Wimal Karunathilake

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Can the brain transform itself?" 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.

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The new training unit for the State Management Assistant Services was inaugurated at the Sri Lanka Institute of Minister of Administration, Colombo recently. Here Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Buddhasana Karu Jayasuriya opens the new unit. Ministry Secretary G. Thadallage is also in the picture.

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



One hundred and twenty teacher trainees were selected to the Addalaichenai National College of Education for the Academic year 2014/16. Here the senior trainees sing the welcome song.

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



The *Mandala Pooja* Festival of Sri Kathiravelautha Swamy Kovil, Sri Kathiresan Street, Pettah was held under the patronage of the chief priest, Siva Kurukkal recently. Here the main *Kumbam* is being carried in a procession.

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