



The new Minister of Agriculture and Cultural and Environment of the Western Provincial Council, Gamin Thilakasiri assumed duties at the Provincial Ministry, Colombo 7 recently. Opposition Leader Nimal Siripala de Silva, the Provincial Minister's family members and Provincial Councillors were also present.

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



The sports meet of the primary section of Muslim Ladies College, Colombo was held at the Cooray Park, Wellawatte recently. Here the guest of honour, Princess Maria Amor, founder and President of We care For Humanity is being welcomed by the principal, Dr. Hajarjahan Mansoor, former Divisional Director Education, Zaroook Kahn and members of the staff.

Pic: Ruzaik Frook.



Cultural Ministry Secretary Mrs. Malkanthi Hathurusinghe pays homage to the Sacred Relics of the Buddha at its exposition at the Elhena Sri Rathanasara Vihara, Gothatuwa recently. The archaeological remains excavated at the Ampara Neelagiri Vihara were also on display. Viharadhipathi Ven. Thihagoda Bhaddhiya Thera is also in the picture.

Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The Sri Lanka Women Lawyers' Association elected its office-bearers at the 52nd Annual General Meeting recently. From left: Mrs. Kumudu Ariyaratne (Asst. Treasurer), Mrs. Pramuditha Senarathne (Co-Vice President) Mrs. Sandya Thalduwa (Vice President), Mrs Berney Alwis (President), Mrs Swarna Jayaweera (Secretary) and Mrs. Priyadarshani Gunasena (Treasurer).



The MHS ICT Institution of Uswetakeiyawa held its certificate-awarding ceremony at the MHS auditorium recently. Here the chief guest, Chairperson, Wattala Mediation Commission, Sheela Heenatimulla, Director of the Institution, W.D. Pushpasiri, staff and the award winners after the ceremony.



The anniversary celebrations of the Sri Lanka Women's Conference was held at the All Ceylon Sri Lanka Women's Buddhist Congress, Baud-dhaloka Mawatha, Colombo7 recently. Here the chief guest, Emeritus Professor of Law, Dr. Savithiri Goonesekera is being welcomed with a bouquet by President Mrs. Indarni Iriyagolla

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



The seminar on *Praja, Thantra Vadaya Udesa Lekakayo*, organised by the Democratic Writers, Forum was held at the Museum Auditorium, Colombo 7 recently. Here former President, Colombo Tamil Sangam, Prof. S. Chandrasekaran lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony while the members look on.

Pic: A Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cr.



The District Secretariat, Puttalam which was housed in an old building was moved to a new building recently. Here District Secretary Kingsley Fernando makes an entry in the Log Book, after opening the new building.

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



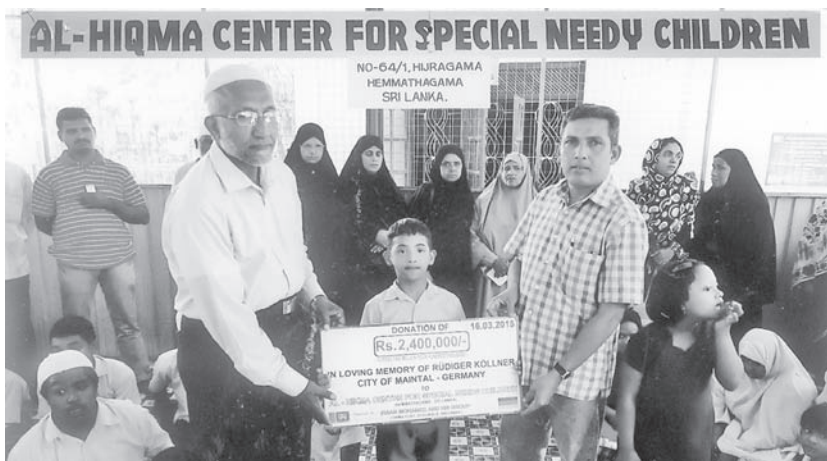
The Maligawatte Janaza Welfare Society distributed uniform material among Madarasa children at the S.B.C. Thassim Reception Hall, YMMA Maligawatte, Colombo recently. Here the members welcome the chief guest, Mayor of Colombo, A.J.M. Muzammil and the guest of honour, A.A. Sathar. President of the Society, M.S.M. Mubarak and Treasurer, Harees Farook were also present.

Pic: Ruzaik Frook.



The 24th anniversary of the Saviya Development Foundation was held recently at the Saviya Headquarters at Bataganwila, Galle. Here the chief guest, Governor of the Southern Province, Dr. Hemakumara Nanayakkara lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony. Chairman, Saviya Development Foundation, Dr. Winston de Silva is also in the picture.

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



Irsan Mohamed of China Fort, Beruwala presented over Rs. 2.4 million to Mohamed Muneer, the officer-in-charge of Al- Hikma Centre for Special Needy children, Hemmathagama. The money was donated by Ms. Karla Kolliner of Maintal, Germany, in memory of her husband, Rudiger Kollner.

Pic.B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



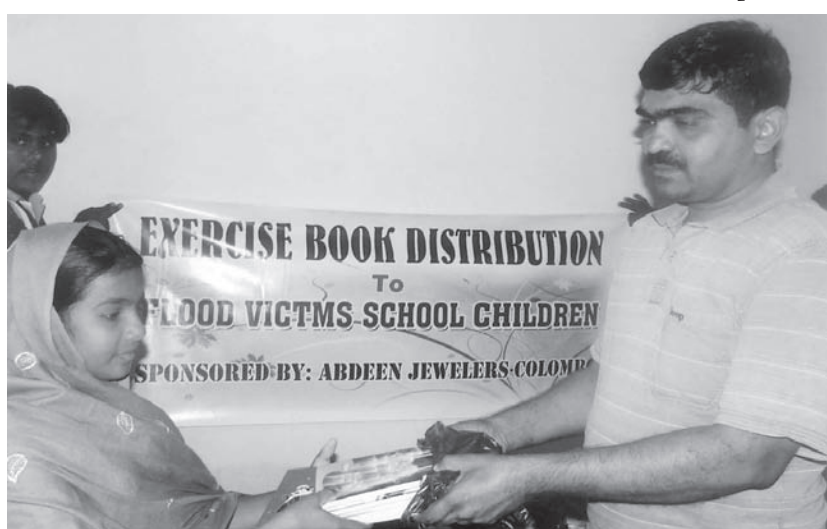
The installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Colombo Fort, was held at the Hotel Taj Samudra, recently president of the Rotary Club of Colombo Fort, Rtn. Isuru Gunatilaka was the chief guest. Here the outgoing President, Rtr. Thaha Adamjee presents a memento to the 25th President of the Club, Rtr. Ranjith Kuruppu. Secretary, Rtr. Nuzri Munsoor and District Rotaract Representative, Rtr. P.P. Hazeem Osman are also in the picture.

Pic:Ruzaik Farook



The commemoration ceremony of Tamil drama artist and popular still photographer, T. Rajaratnam (New Raj) was held at the Sri Narayana Guru Memorial Hall, Grandpass, Colombo 14 recently, organised by the Krishna Kalalayam and Sri Narayana Guru Society (Colombo Branch). Here Hasim Omar lights the oil lamp to inaugurate the ceremony while the President of the Society, A.K. Rahulan and committee member V. Pushpanathan look on.

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



A free exercise books distribution program organised by Abdeen Jewellers, Colombo for flood victims was held at Boliverian village in Sainthamaruthu recently. Here Eastern Provincial Councillor, A.M. Jameel presents exercise books to a student.

Pic M.I.M. Azhar, Maligaikadu Group. Cor.



The Prefects' Installation Ceremony 2015 of the Primary Section of Thurstan College, Colombo was held under the patronage of the principal, A.D.M.D. Bandara at the school hall recently. Here the principal presents the certificate to a Primary Section Prefect, Anuk Nethwara Vitharana. The chief guest, Gr. Capt. Thusitha Amal Wimalaratne, a past pupil and is also in the picture.

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



The prize-giving of Kathiriya Vidyalaya, Akkaraipattu was held at the School recently. Here the chief guest, Akkaraipattu Education Zone Deputy Director of Education, A.S. Ahamed Kiyas awards a prize to a Grade 5 student. Principal M.H.M. Fareed looks on.

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

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "Why do we seem unable to go beyond thought?" 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.

Lenten, Holy Week Services

The Lenten and Holy Week services of the Union Church, Welisara are as follows:

Palm Sunday:
March 29, 8.30 am (Bilingual service)

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 6.30 pm. (Bilingual service) conducted by Rev. Reggie Ebenezer and Bro Chamil Fernando

Good Friday
April 3; Sinhala 7.30 - 8.30 am conducted by Rev. Chaminda Fonseka,
English 9.00 am.- 12 p.m. conducted by Rev. Perry Brohler, Archdeacon of Colombo.

4.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Stage Drama on "Jesus' seven words on the Cross" conducted by Rev. John Marshall and a team at Union Church Garden.

Easter Sunday
April 5, 8.30 a.m. (Bilingual service)conducted by Rt. Rev. Kumara Illangasinghe, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Kurunegala.