

FRIDSO Awards ceremony



The diploma award ceremony for Child Right in Institutional Care conducted by the FRIDSO Institute, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and Child Care Services of the Western Provincial Council was held at the Sasakawa Hall. Founder, FRIDSO Institute, Rev. Fr. Jacob Perera, Commissioner, Department of Child Care and Probation, WPC, Chandima Disisanayake, Consultant Neurologist, Kandy General Hospital, Dr. Chaminda Siriwardane, Commissioner of Child Care and Probation, National Commissioner, Chandima Sigera with Chief Minister Isuru Devapriya, attended the event
 Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

'Masko 2016' Media Awards



The 'Masko 2016' Media Award ceremony was held at the Colombo Ramada Hotel. Media Secretary of the Justice Ministry, Harsha Abeykone receives the Best State Service Media Professional Award from the special guest, Dy. Minister Eran Wickremaratne. Mr. Abeykone had served under 12 Cabinet Ministers as Media Secretary and was earlier attached to the Information Department.
 Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central, Gr. Cor.

Senior Citizens Home



Jayasiri Silva Memorial Senior Citizens Home built in memory of the late ASB Group Chairman was held at Waskaduwa in Kalutara North. Group Chairman Jeevanthie Peduruarachchi unveils the plaque, while Ministers Rajitha Senarathne, Gyantha Karunatilake, Western Provincial Councillor Kithsiri Kahatapattaya also participated.
 Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Village Re-awakening at Welgala in Hiriyala



A model village has been planned for Welgala at Hiriyala in the Kurunegala District, under the 'Village Re-awakening' program. Deputy Minister, Housing and Construction Indika Bandaranayake laid the foundation stone for 25 houses. SLFP Chief Organiser for Hiriyala, Kamal Indika and District Manager, NHDA, Kurunegala P.A.S.P. Ariyawansa attended.
 Pic: S.M. Wijayarathne, Kurunegala Cor.

Samasamajaya's 80th birthday



The 80th commemoration of the political news journal, 'Samasamajaya' was held at Dr. Colvin R.De Silva Mawatha (Union Place) Colombo. The annual souvenir is presented by the Editor, E.L. Jayantha Soysa to Asst. Secretary, Sri Lanka Communist Party, S. Sudasinghe while Prof. Carlo Fonseka looks on.
 Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'Can thought be separated from sensory perception?' by the late Indian sage, Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at the Anula Nursery School, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today, July 24 at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

Lankan-born Sahran Abeyesundara elected Mayor



Sahran with his mother Suvan Karunaratne

Lankan-born Sahran Abeyesundara has been elected 43rd Mayor of Haslemere, a quaint and charming market town, steeped in history in the Borough of Waverley in Surrey, England. Sahran was elected to the position in May at the Full Council meeting held annually. He will remain in office for one year acting in his capacity as ambassador for Haslemere, representing the town at civic and ceremonial functions and supporting community groups and projects. At a felicitation ceremony Sahran, in his acceptance speech was quoted as saying "I stand here today, humbled, and look back at my life with pride and overwhelming gratitude and I look forward with hope and determination. Who would have thought a boy from the island nation of Ceylon, in the same year, 42 years ago, as Haslemere created its first town council, would grow up to be its Mayor. I thank my mother for making me the man I am today."

Remembering Tamil film artistes



The commemoration ceremony of popular Sri Lankan Tamil film artistes was held at the Sri Narayana Guru Memorial Hall, Layard's Broadway, Colombo 14, organised by Velli Nila Kalalayam. Tamil artiste Helenkumari Rajasekaran lights the oil lamp. Artiste V. Pushpanathan is also in the picture
 Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

Wadduwa Central College grabs First Place



Wadduwa Central College was placed first in the Western Province Mixed School-Grade 6,7 Recorder Competition, organised by the Aesthetic Unit of the Western Province Education Department and held at President's College, Rajagiriya. Front row, seated from left: Lalitha Kodituwakku, Pushpa Bakinigahawela, Sunimalee Ariyawansa (Western Music teacher), S.N.D. Gunarathna (Principal), S. Nayana Damayanthi (Vice Principal) and S.M. Bandara. Back row: Lashma Madhushani, Yoshan Imalsha, Pasindu Dehem, Kushan Kumuditha, Kaveen Harshana, Vimukthi Ranajana, Heruna Kenula, Moksha Netsara, Navod Aloka, Kasun Kaushalya and Warsha Divya.
 Pic: H.L. Sunil Shantha, Kalutara Central Spl. Cor.

Acting Brazil Ambassador in Eastern Province



Acting Ambassador for Brazil, Devinosana called on the Eastern Provincial Council Health Minister A.L.M. Naseer in Trincomalee recently where they discussed health programs implemented in the Province. Eastern Provincial Councillor, R.M. Anver and Ministry officials were also present.
 Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

Donation of kitchen equipment



Work Wear Lanka Pvt. Co. of the Midas Safety Group in the Biyagama Free Trade Zone donates kitchen equipment to the Maharagama Cancer Hospital.
 Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor. Mahanama Vithanage.

First place in Kumite Black Belt



The first South Asian School Karate Games 2016, organised by the Asian School Games Federation was held at the Dept. of Sports Development, Colombo. M.S.M. Nawran of the national karate team and a student of the House of International School, Horetuduwa, Moratuwa who won first place in the under 16-17 Black Belt-Kumite event with his karate master, Susantha Rupasinghe of the Sri Lanka Karate Association (Foreground in tie).
 Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

Vipulananda Tamil MV Art Exhibition



Western Provincial Councillor, S. Kugawarathan opens the Art and Handicraft Educational Exhibition of Vipulananda Tamil Maha Vidyalayam Dematagoda, Colombo 9. Hindu priest, Bala Ravishankar Kurukkal, Colombo Zonal Tamil Educational Deputy Directress, Mrs. T. Rajaratnam, Principal S. Shanmuganathan and Lion S. Santhakumar are also in the picture.
 Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

Mal Perahera by Wadduwa Central



The 'Mal Perahera' (Floral procession) organised by the Buddhist Society of Wadduwa Central College, under the patronage of Principal, Dilan Gunarathna to mark Poson Poya, paraded the streets of Wadduwa town and the suburbs. A cross section of the Grade 9 students dance along Galle Road.
 Pic: Kalutara Central Special Cor., H.L. Sunil Shantha.

Felicitation ceremony for AO



A felicitation ceremony for the Administrative Officer A.L.Nagoor Thamby of the Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Office, who had retired after 36 years of service, was held at the Education Office auditorium, organised by the staff. The chief guest, Akkaraipattu Zonal Education Director, A.L.M. Cassim presents a memento to Nagoor Thamby. Administrative Officer M.M.A. Mohideen, Staff Assistant M.L.A. Haaris and Chief Management Assistant (Finance) M.I.M.Fais were also present.
 Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.

Thenum Paalum for Mass Media Friends



A musical program for the Mass Media Friends titled 'Thenum Paalum' organised and sponsored by the Venus Music Foundation was held at the Tower Hall, Maradana, Colombo 10. Popular singers Abdul Hassan Arooz and Maureen Janet render a duet.
 Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.

Free medical camp



A free medical camp organised by the Health Ministry was held at the Dehiyatakandy Central College premises, on the request of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine Deputy Minister, Faizal Cassim. Coordinating Secretary to the Deputy Minister, M.T.M.Zafra inaugurated the camp.
 Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.