



Central Provincial Councillor and Chairperson, *Lakvanitha Peramuna*, Mrs. Shanthini Kongahage participated in the Grassroots Women's Political Leadership Forum, sponsored by the Asian University for Women and the US Department of State in Chittagong, Bangladesh recently. Here Mrs. Kongahage with the US Ambassador to Bangladesh and Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Ms. Melanee Verveer.



Ven. Kadawatha Saminda Thera was conferred the honorary title Keerthisiri Sasanawanshalankara by the Democratic People's Federation and the Sri Lanka Journalists' Association for his meritorious act of donating a kidney to a needy person. Here the Ven. Thera receives the title from Chief Sanghanayaka of Colombo Nawathotamune and Nawa Koralaye Ven. Devahandiyi Pannasekera Thera. The ceremony was held to mark the 67th anniversary of the United Nations and World Peace Day.



The Western Provincial Councils' Agriculture and Environment Ministry launched a program to plant Bo-saplings at temples islandwide. At the inaugural ceremony at the Mulleriyawa National Children's Education Foundation, Presidential Advisor on Children's Education, Ven. Dr. Bandagiriye Somawansa Thera planted a Bo-sapling.

Pic: A. Sumanaseena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka Mrs. Christine Robichon pins the medal conferring the title 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters) on Kumar de Silva. The Order of Arts and Letters recognises eminent artists, writers, and scholars for their efforts in promoting the awareness and enrichment of France's cultural heritage throughout the world. Kumar de Silva was recognised for his contribution to promoting French culture in Sri Lanka for more than quarter of a century.



Mammoties were distributed among 42 families of the Pubudu Farmers Organisation in Hokandara East, out of the decentralised funds of Minister Susil Premajayantha recently. Here Kaduwela Municipal Councillor Manoj Bethmage presents a mammoth to a farmer.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The Samurdhi annual exhibition of Matala district was held in Dambulla recently. Here the chief guest Deputy Transport Minister Rohana Dissanayaka, is being conducted to the venue.

Pic: A.A.L. Dias, Matala dist. Gr. Cor.



Residents of Puttalam attended the mobile service organised by the Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Electricity, Housing and Fisheries and the Puttalam Urban Council at the Puttalam Town Hall recently.

Pic: J.Z.A. Namaz, Puttalam Thinakaran Spl. Cor.



The 'Colour Nite' to mark the 15th anniversary of the Colombo District Women's Cricket Association (CDWCA) was held to felicitate veteran women cricketers and the pioneer members of the Association at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC), Colombo 7 recently. Former Mrs. World and Parliamentarian Rosy Senanayake was the chief guest. From left: Nirmaleen Thanthirimudali, Srma de Silva, Rohini Chandrasekera, Renuka Hewapathirana, Pioneer Member and Treasurer/CDWCA Rosy Senanayake, Rohini Fernando, President/CDWCA, Jayalath Aponso Pioneer Member, CDWCA and Sunil Rajapakse, Pioneer Member/CDWCA. Standing: Deepani Indralekha, K.M. Indrani, Clera Ratnasingham, Ganga de Silva, Madavi Weerakoon, Niroshini Hettiarachchy, Kanthi Doolwala, Manjula Owitigama, Geethika Perera, Praba Udawatta, Rocky Ariyaratne, Thanuja Ekanayake, Manoj Fernando, Maheshi Bandaranaike, B.A.C. Deepthika and Rangika Dharmasena.

Pic: Sudath Nishantha



A shramadana campaign under the dengue prevention program, to clean the environs of Addalaichenai T.B. Jaya Vidyalaya was organised by the Hero Sports Club recently. M.A. Jabbar, Principal and M.S.M. Naleem, President of the Club were also present.

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



An *Upahara* ceremony to honour senior citizens in the Raigam Korala was organised by the Divisional Secretariat, Horana at the Secretariat's auditorium recently. Senior Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka was honoured with the *Raigampura Detu Purawasi Sammana* for the service he had rendered to the Korala. Here the District Secretary, U.D.C. Jayalal presents the award to the Senior Minister.

Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The rehabilitated road Kurundugahawatte Mawatha in Kottawa under the 'One Project for One Village' program of the Economic Development Ministry was opened recently by Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardane. Provincial Councillor Sulochana Gamage and Maharagama Urban Councillor Nishantha Wimalchandra were also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Col. Cor.



NWP Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Youth Affairs and Sports, Asoka Wadigamangawa, Chairman of the Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz and other guests wait for the auspicious time to lay the foundation stones for the proposed Puttalam district national stadium.

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



A group of academics headed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Prof. Jayasena Kottegoda (left) visited the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) Oluvil Campus, to conduct a research program in Muslim cultural heritage. Here Prof. Kottegoda in discussion with the Vice Chancellor of the SEUSL Dr. S. M. Mohamed Ismail (right). Dean of the Faculty of Dance and Drama Prof. Ariyaratna Kaluwarachchi is in the centre.

Pic: M.A. Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Gr. Cor.



Plants and seeds were distributed among the needy, organised by the Wattala Divisional Secretariat office recently. Under the Divi Neguma program's fourth session, on the initiative of former Deputy Minister Neil Rupasinghe. Here Gampaha District Parliamentarian and President, Wattala Development Committee, Upeksha Swarnamali who was the chief guest presents a sapling and seeds to a recipient while Mrs. Chandima Dissanayake and other officials look on.

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



The function to distribute pass books for monthly free payments of Rs 1,000 each, among the 500 selected senior citizens from the low-income group in the Wattala electorate was held recently. The program was organised by the Social Services Ministry and Wattala Divisional Secretariat. Here former Deputy Minister Neil Rupasinghe presents a pass book to a recipient. Social Services Minister Felix Perera, Janak Suriyabandara WPC and an official Chandima Dissanayake look on.

Pic: A. Maduraveeran Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The tree-planting ceremony organised by the Peliyagoda Urban Council to mark the Tree Planting Day was held at the council's premises. The Chairman Nihal Ananda, Secretary Mrs. K. Nelumkumari and senior officials participated.

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



The foundation stone for a new block of Kal-Eliya Kanishta Vidyalaya was held under the patronage of WPC Chief Minister recently. Here Parliamentarian Vasantha Senanayaka unveils the plaque. Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunga, Provincial Councillor Kokila Harshani and others look on.

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

EVENTS

Gampaha Holy Cross PPA's medical camp

A medical camp, organised by the Past Pupils' Association of Holy Cross College, Gampaha will be held at the college premises on November 13, (public holiday) from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Medical consultants in eye, Oncology (cancer), Cardiology, Psychiatry, ENT, skin will be in attendance, in addition to tests in FBS, blood pressure and BMI.

Pairs of spectacles and medicine will be issued free.

'Babes on Broadway' on Nov 15

The annual concert "Babes on Broadway", organised by the students of Visakha Nursery Pre-School will be held on November 15 at 6 p.m. at the Kularathne Hall, Ananda College, Colombo 10.

The Principal of "The Study" and former Principal of the British School Ms. Jill MacDonald will be the chief guest while the CEO/Managing Director of Plenty Foods Ltd. Shammi Karunaratne will be the guest of honour.

Around 350 children in the age group of 2½ to 6 years will display their talents on same stage under the guidance of the Principal, Mrs. Chryshanthi Lewke.

Peradeniya-Colombo Chapter family get-together

The Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya-Colombo chapter will hold its family get-together for 2012 at the Rock House, Gangarama Road, Piliyandala on November 18 at 9.30 a.m.

Mahanama Wickramasinghe and his group with vocals from Jayalath Manoratne, Nissanka Diddeniya, Mahanama and Mark Anthony of 'Sinhababhu' fame will be in attendance.

MAF - Down Memory Lane 2012

A sing-a-long concert of golden oldies will be presented by the Moratuwa Arts Forum on November 18 at 6.30 p.m. at Ramnal Hotel, Moratuwa.

Music will be provided by Lincoln and Super Pink 'N Purple'. The guest artistes will be Chandral Fonseka and Melissa Perera, the TNL Singing Star 2012.

Lecture by Prof. Ravindra Fernando

Prof. Ravindra Fernando, Head and Senior Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo will deliver an illustrated public lecture on 'Medico-Legal Aspects of Torture in Sri Lanka' on November 14 at 6.00 p.m. at the auditorium of Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka, Prof. Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, Colombo 7, organised by the British Scholars Association of Sri Lanka.

The lecture is open to the public.

Personality and leadership seminar

A personality and leadership development seminar, organised by the Kumpulan Malayu Battaramulla, to arm yourself with essential personal skills to gain confidence, poise and personality will be held on November 25 from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm at the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), Lesley Ranagala Mawatha, Borella, Colombo 8.

The event is coordinated by the Project Chairperson, Sabina on 0777259152.



Western Provincial Councillor Hector Bethmage gifted sports equipment to the Bope Mihira Sports Club, from his Provincial Council funds recently. Kaduwela Municipal Councillor Manoj Bethmage was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



Western Provincial Councillor N.M.M. Amjand and Beruwala Pradeshia Sabha member Navil Ranjith launch the rehabilitation work on the road off Yowungama, Payagala recently.

Pic: B.M. Mukhtar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



A felicitation ceremony organised jointly by the Maharagama Divisional Secretariat and the National Youth Services Council to mark World Elders' Day was held recently at the Sri Lanka Youth Theatre, Maharagama. Fifty octogenarians were felicitated. Here popular songstress *Visharadha Pradeepa Dharmadasa* drapes a medal on a senior citizen. Director of NYSC Ajith Navagala was also present.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Group of '60 of Zahira College, Colombo was held at the Ghaffoor Hall recently. Here from left T.L. Doole (Secretary), Nizam Lantra (President) and Z.A. Usuph (Treasurer).

Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Chairman of the Panadura Urban Council Nandana Gunathilleka lays the foundation stone at Y.S. Obert Silva Mawatha at Nalluruwa, Panadura for a clinic and a public library. The land valued at Rs. 3 million was donated to the Panadura Urban Council by Mrs. Herath, sister of the late Ven. Panadure Ariyadamma Thera. Western Provincial Councillor Ranaviru Vikum Gunasekera also participated.

Pic: Kapila Somaratne, Panadura Gr. Cor.