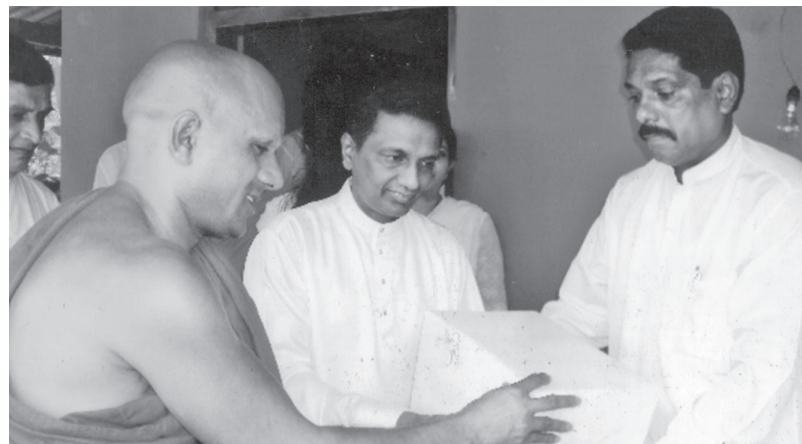


The latest book titled *Gathin Midunu Sithak* authored by the Principal of Eheliyagoda National School, Ven. Eheliyagoda Dhammapala Thera was launched recently at the school auditorium. Here Ruhunu University's Prof. Ven. Kongastenne Ananda Thera delivers the *Anusasana*.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The annual *Katina pinkama* of Halabagaswewa Sri Sangaramaya, Medawachchiya was conducted under the patronage of the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress recently. Here President, All Ceylon Buddhist Congress, Jagath Sumathipala presents religious books to the chief incumbent, Ven. Diyabedume Sumanasara Thera, for use at the temple library. Joint Secretary of the Congress, Col. Sudath Madugalle looks on.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.



Minister of Justice A.R. Rauff Hakeem, addresses the inaugural meeting of the Kandy district Justices of Peace Association (*Mahanuwara district Saamadhana Vinischayakarawarunghe Sangsodaya*) at the Pushpadhana Hall, Kandy recently. Here a trainee Daham student receives an award from the Minister Hakeem. President of the Association, Mahilal Silva is also in the picture.

Pic: H.A. Shakoor, Pathadumbara Spl. Cor.



The World Summit Award 2013 ceremony was held at the Mt. Lavinia Beach Hotel recently. Here Minister of Public Management Reforms, Navin Dissanayaka presents the awards to two international participants. The founder and CEO of the Mobilan International Ralph Simon was also present.



The party office of the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP) which was relocated at Elhena Road, Maharagama was opened by the party leader, Minister Dinesh Gunawardena recently. General Secretary, Karunathilaka Disanayake, Vice President and Deputy Minister, Geethanjana Gunawardena, former parliamentarian Someweera Chandrasiri, Asst. Secretary, E.S. Hewage, Provincial Councillor Salochana Gamage, UC members Jagath Pathirana, Nishantha Vimalachandra, Pradeep Liyanage and Chairman, All Ceylon Youth Association, Yadamani Gunawardena were also present.

Pic: Mohamad Imtiyas, Colombo Central Spl. Cor.



The seventh anniversary of the Young Women's Muslim Association (YWMA) was held at the YWMA Headquarters auditorium, Dematagoda recently with the wife of Malaysian High Commissioner, Mrs. Basha Azmi. Here the chief guest is being greeted on arrival by the President YWMA, Mrs. Mackiya Muzammil. Dr. Hareesdeen and members are also in the picture.

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



Industries and Commerce Minister Rishad Bathiudeen opened a new industrial factory of Lak Steel Engineering (Pvt.) Co. in Indolamulla, Dompe recently. Here Deputy Minister Lakshman Wasantha operates the console. Minister Bathiudeen, Chairman, Mrs. Ashika Edirisinghe, Dompe Chief SLPF organiser and WPC member Upali Gunaratne and Deputy Disaster Management Minister Duleep Wijesekera were also present.

Pic: Malwana Gr. Cor., Mahanama Vithanage.



The DVD launch of N.M. Production's drama, *Velichchatukku Vanka* was held at Siri Narayana Guru Hall, Colombo 14 recently. Here ITN Direction Hashim Omar presents the first copy of the cassette to the chief guest, Mrs. Feroza Muzammil. Director M.M. Nasar and journalist Liyakath Alikhan are also in the picture.

Pic: A.S.M. Irshad, Colombo Fort TKN Cor.



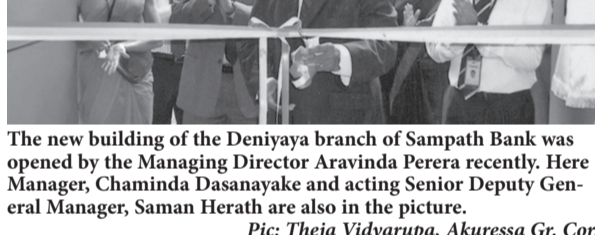
The Chairman of the All China Youth Federation, He Junke who delivered a lecture at the Sri Lanka Youth Parliament is being conducted to the venue with the Deputy Education Minister Mohanlal Gero and Chairman/Director General of the National Youth Services Council.

Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.



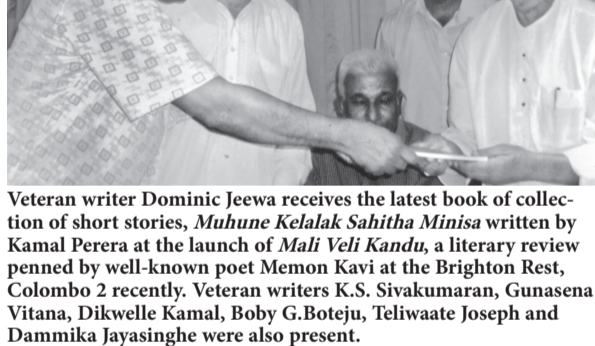
The Senior Citizens' Society, Kelaniya celebrated 'World Elders' Day' at a ceremony at Kelaniya recently. Here Minister of Public Relations and Public Affairs Dr. Mervyn Silva, the chief guest in conversation with some of the elders before the commencement of the program.

Pic: Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Gr. Cor.

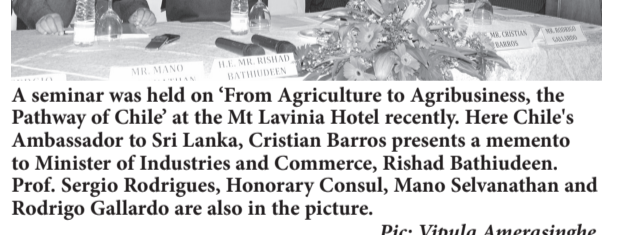


The new building of the Deniyaya branch of Sampath Bank was opened by the Managing Director Aravinda Perera recently. Here Manager, Chaminda Dasanayake and acting Senior Deputy General Manager, Saman Herath are also in the picture.

Pic: Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa Gr. Cor.



Veteran writer Dominic Jeewa receives the latest book of collection of short stories, *Muhune Kelak Sahitha Minisa* written by Kamal Perera at the launch of *Mali Veli Kandu*, a literary review penned by well-known poet Memon Kavi at the Brighton Rest, Colombo 2 recently. Veteran writers K.S. Sivakumaran, Gunasena Vitana, Dikwelle Kamal, Boby G. Boteju, Teliwaate Joseph and Dammika Jayasinghe were also present.



A seminar was held on 'From Agriculture to Agribusiness, the Pathway of Chile' at the Mt Lavinia Hotel recently. Here Chile's Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Cristian Barros presents a memento to Minister of Industries and Commerce, Rishad Bathiudeen. Prof. Sergio Rodrigues, Honorary Consul, Mano Selvanathan and Rodrigo Gallardo are also in the picture.

Pic: Vipula Amerasinghe.



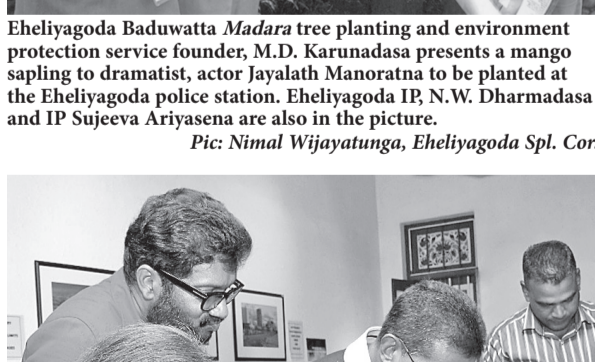
Eheliyagoda Baduwatta *Madara* tree planting and environment protection service founder, M.D. Karunadasa presents a mango sapling to dramatist, actor Jayalath Manoratna to be planted at the Eheliyagoda police station. Eheliyagoda IP, N.W. Dharmadasa and IP Sujeewa Ariyasena are also in the picture.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



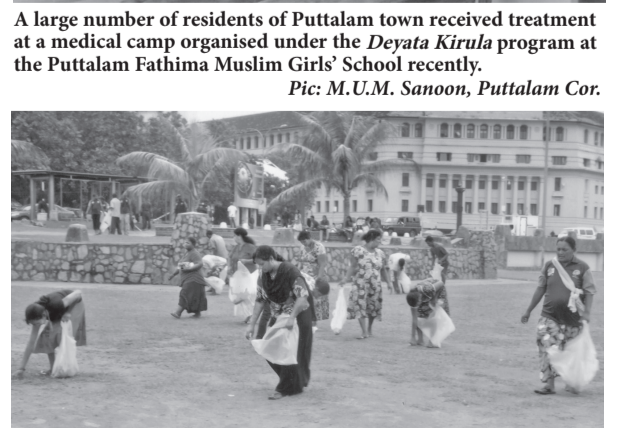
A large number of residents of Puttalam town received treatment at a medical camp organised under the *Deyata Kirula* program at the Puttalam Fathima Muslim Girls' School recently.

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



The Pahalammulla Annonayadana Society, Meerigama celebrated its 10th anniversary with an all night pirith followed by an almsgiving to the Maha Sangha recently. Twenty four office bearers of the society were presented medallions in appreciation of their services. Here former Meerigama Divisional Secretary, M.A. Suraweera Maithreerathna presents a memento to the Treasurer, H.M. Tikiribanda.

Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.



The Federation of Self-Employers' Associations and the Colombo Fort police jointly launched a mass *shramadana* campaign to clean the Galle Face Green recently, in view of the CHOGM.

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



Ifham Raji's 'Sri Lanka - the Gem of the Indian Ocean' was launched recently at the Barefoot Gallery Cafe in Colombo 4. Here the co-authors Ifham Raji and Tracy Rich autograph the copies of the book.

Pic: Sulochana Gamage



Forty-three Ayurvedic doctors who underwent training in Korean Acupuncture received their certificates from Indigenous Medicine Minister Salinda Dissanayake and Deputy Minister Pandu Bandaranayake at the National Ayurveda Teaching Hospital, Colombo 8 recently. Five doctors received merit awards from the Resident Representative of KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency), CHO Kyu-Chan.

EVENTS

Jameel felicitation today

A felicitation ceremony and the release of the biography of eminent educationist, orator and author of several books, Al Haj S.H.M. Jameel will be held today at 10.00 am at the Shahrana Banquet Hall, Dehiwela.

Former Chancellor of the South Eastern University, Ms. Jezima Ismail will deliver the felicitation oration.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on 'The causes of human conditioning 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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Pairs of spectacles were issued free to low-income family members of the Western Province Industrial Department at the WPC Chief Secretary's auditorium recently. Here Provincial Minister Udaya Gammanpila puts on a pair of spectacles on an elderly beneficiary.

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



The new welfare society, 'The Friends' of Mahara-Asgangula, Eheliyagoda conducted a medical clinic for senior citizens at the Mahara Purana Vihara's *Bana maduwa* recently.

Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.