

LAC organises 'White Ribbon Ambassadors'

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The Sri Lanka Legal Aid Commission (LAC) has organised "White Ribbon Ambassadors," to mark the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.

United Nations in 1999 designated November 25 of every year as International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women. The two weeks from November 25 to December 10, International Human Rights Day is recog-

nised as the period to launch programme to eliminate violence against women.

White Ribbon is the designated anti-violence symbol. For the past five years the Legal Aid Commission has taken the forefront in launching the "White Ribbon" programme, throughout Sri Lanka. First Lady Shiranthy Rajapaksa inaugurated the "White Ribbon Programme" recently at the Temple Trees, said LAC Chairman S. S. Wijeratne.

Judges of the Supreme Court, Diplomatic Corps and leading members of the Civil Society supported the programme by wearing a "White Ribbon", the LAC Chairman added.

The LAC Chairman emphasised, this year's programme included launching of "White Ribbon Ambassadors" programme for 2008-2009 who will be active in supporting the activities related to elimination of violence against women during the period of Ambassadorship.

Several eminent Sri Lankans, Deshabandu Jezima Ismail, Justice Nissanka Udalgama, Justice Hector S. Yapa, LAC Chairman S.S. Wijeratne, President's Counsel Douglas Premaratne, The Law College Principal Dr. W.D. Rodrigo and several others have volunteered to serve as "White Ribbon Ambassadors" for 2009, the LAC Chairman said.



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First Lady Shiranthy Rajapaksa



Switzerland Ambassador Ms. Ruth Flint



USA Ambassador Robert O. Blake



Australia Acting High Commissioner Ms. Sophia McIntyre



President's Counsel Douglas Premaratne



India Deputy High Commissioner Vikram Misri



The Republic of Cuba Ambassador Ms. Nirsia Castro Guevara



Norway Ambassador Tore Hattrem



Federal Republic of Germany Ambassador Juergen Weerth. With the LAC members



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