



A birth ceremony was held at Sangamitta Balika Vidyalaya Colombo 10 organised by the Buddhist Association to involve blessings on the founder, teachers and students of the school. Ven. Nagoda Amarawansa Thera of the Sri Lankaramaya, Maradana officiated the ceremony. Education Ministry Additional Secretary Asoka Rajith, Deputy Director General of Education Nandasena Madawamarachchi, Additional Educational Director, Colombo Region Jayantha Nanayakkara, Western Provincial Member Renuka Perera, Principal V. E. Jayaweera, teachers and students of Sangamitta Vidyalaya participated. *Picture by Saran Sri Wedge*

Office-bearers

Sri Lanka Expatriates Society

The Riyadh based Sri Lanka Expatriates Society elected its new office-bearers at its 17th Annual General Meeting at the Embassy.

SLES Office Bearers for 2009
Patron: Ambassador A.A.M. Marlean
President: Nirone Disanayake
Senior Vice President: Andrew Simen
Vice President: Krishna Kumar
Secretary: Namsil Rahman
Assistant Secretary: Barry Hameed
Treasurer: K Ganeshamoorthy
Chairmen of Committees, Medical: S.Hameed, Sports: Shane Almeida, Newsletter: Ramesh Perera, **Humanitarian Projects:** Athula Ranasinghe, **Financial Affairs:** Gamini Jayasekera, **Internal Auditor:** Raju Sivakumar and past presidents will be Executive Members of the Executive Committee.

Photo exhibition on recycling

A photo competition to create awareness among schoolchildren and the public on plastic and polythene recycling jointly organised by the Central Environmental Authority and the National Project on the Management of Plastic Recycling will be held to mark World Environment Day on June 5.

Winners at the national and provincial level and all participants will be awarded certificates. Creations, printed, CD, DVD or e-mail may be addressed to Deputy Director General, Central Environment Authority, 104, Parisara Piyasa, Bataramulla.



Dr. Preethi Perera appointed president of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists for the year 2008/9. Here, outgoing President Dr. Sagarika Samarasinghe congratulating Dr. Preethi Perera on her induction as President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists.



Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Choi Ki Chul being greeted by AKOFE members while Minister Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena looking on

The Ambassador assured that the Korean Government will continue to assist and cooperate with Sri Lanka towards strengthening the human resources development sector. Vice-President Korea - Sri Lanka Parliamentary Association, Minister Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena was also present.

Korean support for energy, human resource sectors

Korea is eager to expand its cooperation with Sri Lanka in the sectors of atomic and green energy, natural resources and information and communication technology (ICT) by transferring knowledge, experience and technical know-how, Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Choi Ki Chul said.

He was addressing the Association of KOICA fellows in Sri Lanka (AKOFE) at a function held in Colombo. "I believe that AKOFE is an ideal organisation for presenting Korea's goodwill in Sri Lanka and it can play a pivotal role to extend their devotion towards strengthening the mutual cooperation for both Sri Lanka and Korea", he said.

Bygama Lions Club donated a new library building worth Rs. one million to Siyabalapewatta Kanista Vidyalaya. Here Chief Guest 306 B02 Lions District Governor P. Jayarajan handing over books to Head Prefects R.D. Shanka Kumara and Eresha Dilrukshi. Vice Governor Kinsley Bernard, Bygama Lions Club Chairman Lekha Korale and Treasurer Ajith Korale were also present. *Mahanama Vihanga, Malwana group correspondent*

Achievement

AME student wins World Prize in CIMA Examination

Dilshani Gunawardena of the Academy of Management Education (AME) won the World Prize in CIMA examination in 2008. She won the World Prize by obtaining the highest marks - among 5,476 students all over the world in Financial Accounting and Tax Principles (P7).

Outstanding AME students who received commendation letters in the November 2008 Examination are: **Financial Analysis (P8)** Dinuka Goonewardena was Joint sixth in the world and Shromy Mohamed Ali. **Accounting and Tax Principles (P7)** Dilshani Gunawardena was placed first in the world.



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