S.W. Dahanayake, a Daily News reader from Colombo who won the first prize receives the brand new Geely motor car from General Manager, Abans Group, Channa Pathirana. Finance Director of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, Shan Shanmuganathan is also in the picture.

Director- Administration & Legal of Lake House, Rasanga Harischandra hands over a prize to a winner

Some of the prize winners

Daily News 7 Wonders of Sri Lanka

The Seven Wonders of Sri Lanka competition was launched by the Daily News in July 2008 to pick the seven most wonderful places in the country by popular vote. The competition received an overwhelming response from Daily News readers across the country who sent in over 100,000 coupons nominating their preferences for the seven wonders.

S.W. Dahanayake, a Daily News reader from Colombo was the winner of the grand prize of the competition, a brand new motor car. The Abans Ltd was the principle sponsor of the competition.

At the final draw of the competition held at the Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre, 10 Daily News readers including Dahanayake became lucky winners of prizes worth Rs three million, provided by Abans Ltd, the principal sponsor of the event.

Among the grand prizes presented to the winners were a LCD television, a motor cycle, an electric cooker, a fully automatic washing machine, a refrigerator, a colour television, a home theatre system, a microwave oven, and a DVD player.

They were won by P. Kodagoda of Moratuwa, C. Siribaddana of Colombo, M.D.M.M. Goonatilaka of Wadduwa, N.P. Kumara of Dewalapola, P. de Silva of Ratmale, D.N. Nillegoda of Pilimatalawa, M. Palangasinghe of Nugegoda, M.I. Zulkifli of Colombo and C.R.E.C. Perera of Kandana respectively.

Twelve more Daily News readers who became winners of mobile phones at the weekly draws of the competition also received their prizes at the event.

The Seven Wonders of Sri Lanka as voted by the majority readers: Sigiriya, Sinharaja forest, Dalada Maligawa, Sri Pada, Ruwanweliseya, Arugam bay and Yala sanctuary.

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Editor-in-Chief of the Daily News and Sunday Observer Jayatillake de Silva(right) gives away a prize to a winner

Finance Director Shan Shanmuganathan gives away the second prize

Another winner receives her prize from General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa

A winner receives his prize from Senior Head of Division, Pre-Press M.O. Jayah

A winner receives his prize from Senior Head of Division/Operations, Pre-Press Upali Peiris