



The induction of prefects of Sujatha Vidyalaya, Nugegoda for year 2009 was held at the school recently.



The Western Bank Unit of Manikdiwela Central College bagged the Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa Trophy by becoming first in the Western Band Competition of Denuwara Zone 2009 organised by the Education Ministry. Here Principal Senaka Samrathunge, teachers-in-charge M. P. Samarakoon and B. G. Padmakumari along with team members.



Pahasara 2008, a self-employment workshop was held at Gothaha, Kandovihara Premises last week. Here, Kolonnawa Chief SLPF organiser R. Duminda Silva, presents a certificate to a participant.



A blood donation campaign organised by staff and students of Rahula College, Matara to mark Poson Poya was held at the college premises. Picture by A. W. Gunawardhane, Matara Central correspondent



Feed and Educate Poor Children of Our World (FPCOW) a voluntary organisation headed by Australian-Sri Lankan Eric Weisman will carry out programs in North and East, targeting children among the IDPs. FPCOW's activities for 2009 include donation of secondhand goods to children in orphanages in Sri Lanka, setting up of basic vocational and livelihood training centre in Panadura and special projects to educate the children in the North and the East. Here, Eric Weisman at an opening of a project.



The final conference of the European Union funded Water and Sanitation for Settlements in Eastern Sri Lanka (WASSER) was held at the Gale Face Hotel, Colombo.

EU funded water and sanitation project in Batticaloa and Kalmunai marks completion

Wasser is a partnership between the City of Munich, the NGO Emas and two Sri Lankan Municipal Councils of Batticaloa and Kalmunai. Supported under the Asia Pro Eco II Post Tsunami program of the European Union, it aims to foster environment restoration in areas affected by the tsunami.



Batticaloa Mayor Sivagathe Prabhakaran addressing the gathering. National Program Manager, Dr. Fahmy Ismail, Ambassador EU in Sri Lanka Bernard Savage (covered) Munich Mayor Hep Monatzeder and Kalmunai Mayor H.M.M. Harris are also in the picture.



A stock of readymade garments purchased from proceeds of a day's salary contributed by employees of the National Institute of Social Development (NISD), an institution under this review of the Social Services and Social Welfare Ministry was handed over to Social Services and Social Welfare Minister Douglas Devananda at his ministry. Director General Karumarante Gamage, Lecturer Sirisena, External Co-ordinator Wickremathilake and NISD officials were present.

This project supports the urban poor by rehabilitating and expanding basic infrastructure in the water and sanitation field in tsunami affected areas of Batticaloa and Kalmunai. Over 200 toilets, 150 tube and dug wells, 50 rain-water harvesting tanks and water connections to over 900 families have been provided under this program.

City of Munich led by Mayor Hep Monatzeder participated together with the Mayors of Batticaloa and Kalmunai and the elected councillors from the two cities. European Union delegation Ambassador Bernard Savage of the European Commission to Sri Lanka and the Maldives also addressed the gathering.



Suntel Telecom handed over more than 10,000 bottles of drinking water to the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) through its Colombo City branch for IDPs in Vavuniya. Here SLRCS President Jagath Abeyasinghe receiving the donation from Suntel representatives headed by Prabakar Theagaraja, Head of Procurement at the SLRCS national headquarters in Colombo. SLRCS City branch Chairman Ranjith Wijesooriya, Red Cross Taskforce Chairman Tissa Abeywickrama, SLRCS National Secretary S.H. Nimal Kumar Abeyasinghe, IFRC Head of delegation Paul Emes, Prabakar Theagaraja and Suntel representatives were present.



Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya and First Secretary B. Shyam with the other members. Kahawa special correspondent

Indian foreign service officer trainees call on governor

A team of Indian Foreign Service Officer trainees led by Indian High Commission First Secretary B. Shyam met Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya at her official residence in Galle recently. Shyam said the visit was to educate the team on the Foreign Service and Administrative System of Sri Lanka and to visit historically important sites in the Southern Province.

Governor Balasuriya welcoming the team, said she was happy to meet a team of that calibre to exchange views among the two parties. "The Bandaranaike Diplomatic Training Institute at the BMICH at Colombo is meant to train foreign service officer trainees send abroad on foreign service," the Governor said, "Indo-Sri Lanka ties had existed from time immemorial and it is still forging ahead".



A Ranaviru felicitations festival organised by Nittambuwa United Trade Society was held at Nittambuwa town recently. Here Trade Society members make a presentation to 12 disabled soldiers. Ambapussa Army Singha Regiment Headquarters Captain M. Somawardana, Trade Society Chairman H.A. Karunaratne, Secretary K. Ranasinghe and Vice Chairman R.D.A. Upul Kumara were also present. One hundred Atapirikara were offered to 100 Bhikkhus. Mahanawa Vithanage Mahawa group correspondent



Kamal Chandana of the MEP taking oaths as a UPFA member of the Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha before Urban Development Minister Dinesh Gunawardena at the ministry office. Housing Minister Geethanjana Gunawardena and Homagama Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Ranga Abeyasinghe were also present.



DIG Central Province Pujith Jayasundara donating blood at a blood donation campaign organised by the Kandy police SP office civil officers welfare society at the SPs office recently. Picture by Gamini Ramanayake

Lasantha elected Wesley OBU President

Lasantha Fernando was elected President of the Wesley College Old Boys Union with R. Chandima J. de Silva as his secretary at the Annual General Meeting held at the college hall recently.

The rest of the officials and the executive committee which comprised prominent past top sportsmen of the school were also elected for the ensuing year 2009/2010. The newly appointed principal - Dr. Shanthi Meliland who is also an old boy of Wesley and a top sportsman who took over from M.A.F. Fernando in May this year is the Patron. Dr. Shanthi Meliland (Principal), Vice Patrons - Rev. S.L. Fernando (Vice Principal), Dunstan Fernando (Past Principal), Dr. Lou Adhithy (Past Principal), P.B. Herath, M.H.Mohamed, Jehan Cassim, Rajah Sinnathuray, Edmund Disanayake, Shelton Peiris, Mervyn Peiris, R.T. Wijetilake.

Prestigious award for Lankan engineer

Indrachapa Bandara, an Engineer and a PhD researcher with the Centre for Applied Computing, faculty of Enterprise & Innovation of Brunel University, UK was awarded the prestigious World Network of Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs' National Representative status. It is the highest position WNYLE grants to an outstanding professional.



Indrachapa Bandara

The WNYLE status was awarded for his innovative PhD research work on a high speed eye blink tracking system to measure driver fatigue and warn drivers when their sleepiness become a potential danger to driving.

Four awards for Lankan in US

Sanjeeka Silva of Meredith College, North Carolina of United States won four awards at a ceremony held to give away academic and leadership awards which takes place annually. Meredith International Association Award was given to her for her outstanding leadership qualities. The award for Mathematics and Mathematic related fields was also won by her. She is an old girl of Musaeus College, Colombo which is a national program recognising students who had shown outstanding



Sanjeeka Silva

Retires after 37 years as teacher

Somarathna Galappaththi of 19B, Polwatta, Ambalangoda retired recently after 37 years of teaching profession. He joined the Department of Education in 1972 as an assistant English teacher, with his first appointment being at M/Hulandawa Vidyalaya South, Moneragala. He reached the zenith of his teaching profession while serving Ambangoda G.P. De S. Kularatna M. V. where he was made the deputy principal. Galappaththi is an old



Somarathna Galappaththi



The Boralesgamuwa Sports Club under a project sponsored by the Boralesgamuwa Kingsley de Silva Foundation distributed parcels of dry food rations worth nearly Rs. 2,500 each among 100 selected low income families in the area at a ceremony at the sports club premises recently. Here a beneficiary leaving with the quota of food rations as Kingsley de Silva and Boralesgamuwa Police OIC look on.