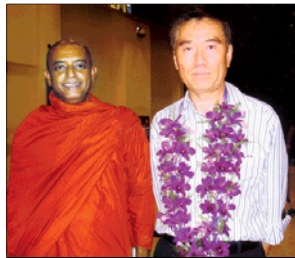




Former Central Provincial Council Minister of Tamil Education S. Arulsamy who has been appointed Co-ordinating Director to the President receiving his appointment letter from President Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees recently. Earlier Arulsamy draped the President with a golden shawl as a mark of gratitude. Picture by P. Rajaratnam in Nuwara Eliya



Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake presented a Sannaspathraya on Mahopadaya title to the Viharadhipathi of Gotabaya Rajamaha Viharaya, Botale Venerable Kadigamuwe Sri Premananda Thera recently. Opposition Leader Ranil Wickramasinghe, Religious Affairs Minister Pandu Bandaranayake and SLFP Chief Organizer for Mirigama Kokila Harshanee Goonewardene were also present.



Dr. Nakajima Hiroshi, Director Shiai Kyoukai Education Institute of Japan who arrived here on an inspection tour of child education centres maintained by the Mulieriyawa National Child Education Foundation (NCEF) with NCEF Director Ven. Bandagiriye Somawansa Thera. Picture by A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa group correspondent.



One hundred and twenty five students obtained their diplomas in Information Technology and English Language for the year 2008/2009 from the Gamin Dissanayake Institute of Technology and Vocational Training at a ceremony at the Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya. Here Srma Dissanayake hands over certificates and diplomas to the graduates.



Cadet Corps Director General Major General Gamin Jayasundara planted a sapling at its headquarters, at the tree planting campaign to mark National Food Week implemented by the Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services Ministry.



St. John Ambulance Association gifted a donation from their counterpart the Johanniter International Assistance of Germany Rs. 6.5 million of milk powder of various brands, chillie powder, biscuits and canned fish to Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services Minister Rishad Bathiudeen at the Ministry premises. From left Brig. C.J. Kottahachchi, CAO T.Z. Rab an Ex-Co Member, Dr. D.W. Weerasoriya, Chief Commander, Rajah Sinnathuray, Chairman and M. Haldeen, Secretary to the Ministry. Picture by Mahinda Vithanachchi



Representatives of several social and public organisations in Vavuniya met TULF leader T. Anandasangaree at his party office in Vavuniya and held discussions with him. Picture by T. Vivekarasa, Vavuniya special corr



UNP Media Secretary in Horowpathana H.M. Ilangasinghe renounced his party membership and joined the SLFP. Here he receives the SLFP membership card from North Central Province Chief Minister Berty Premalal Dissanayake. Picture by Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.



Emmanuel Herman Bernard Kurera of Thaladuwa, Negombo was sworn as the new Mayor of Negombo. The swearing in ceremony took place at the Mayor's Office, Negombo in the presence of the Civil Aviation Deputy Minister Sarath Kumara Gunaratna. Picture by H. Fernando Negombo Special Corr.



Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama cuts a ribbon to open a new auditorium and co-ordinating office of the Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat at Nawalapitiya.



Housing and Common Amenities Minister Ferial Ashraff hands over housing grants to 13 families in Namaloya, Ampara. Picture by Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Sp. corr.



The new secretariat building of Jathika Namal Uyana at Dambulla will be opened by Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka on July 13. The land for the secretariat was allocated by Urban Development and Sacred Area Development Minister Dinesh Gunawadena on President Mahinda Rajapaksa's directive.



A student cuts a ribbon to open a new bus shelter built at Thorakolayaya by the Management of the Mass Active Asia Line Garment Factory for the convenience of bus travellers recently. Picture by Raja Waidiyasekera, Tissamaharama special corr.

## Office bearers

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**President:** A.R. Surendiran **President's Council, Hon'y General Secretary:** Kanagasabi Vivekanandan, **Hony Treasurer:** M. Sockalingham, **Vice Presidents:** Dr. M. Ramajeyam, Kandiah Neelakandan, Vasantha Ythi-anathan, M.R. Rajmohan, S. Dhanabala, K. Jegatheesan, Vanathy Raveendiran, M. Kathirgamanathan and S. Panchacharvel.

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### Sri Lanka Eye Donation Society

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### Nuwaragampalath Mediation Board Head

Keerthisena Jayawardena has been appointed Nuwaragampalath Mediation Board chairman for the fourth consecutive year by the Justice Ministry. Jayawardena is a son of late Martin Walter Jayawardena and Leela Aluvihare Jayawardena Kumarihamy of Basavakkulama Walawwa, Anuradhapura.

### New head of United Nations Association in Sri Lanka

Banking expert Rohini Nanayakkara was elected as the new President of the United Nations Association Sri Lanka at its Annual General Meeting held recently. The following were elected to the National Executive Com-mittee.

M.M. Zawahir Executive Chairman, Kumaran Fernando Secretary-General, S.I.A. Kabir, Treasurer Dr. Parakara-ma Silva, Editor, Rienze T. Wijetilleke Immediate Past President Brigadier G.V. Elapatha, Immediate Past Executive Chairman Dharmadasa Vitharana, Assistant Treasurer, M.M.M. Rushanudeen, Dr. K.D.S. Ranas-inghe, Merrill Perera, M.Z.M. Haniffa, L.L.C.C. Tham-biah, Sampath Priyankara, Dr. D.W. Weerasoriya, Shirley Perera, D.M. Siriwardene, Denis Olaboduwa, Sanjiwa Peiris, Mahesh Jayasinghe, Major Ramani Kan-gararachchi.



The New Hospital and Doctors and Nurses quarters coming up at Elpititaya town at a cost of Rs. 500 million under a program supervised by the Southern Provincial Council's Health Ministry. Picture by Nimal Agewatta