



United National Party stalwart for the past 26 years and former Parliamentarian K.B. Lilantha Perera who was also the Chief Party Organiser for Colombo North as well as the member of the Working Committee resigned from all Party positions and met President Mahinda Rajapaksa and expressed his gratitude for liberating the country from terrorism. He also promised the President his support to the Government. Here, Perera presents a memento to President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Mrs. Lilantha Perera was also present.



Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake presided over the pinacle unveiling ceremony held at Thissa Pabbatharama Viharasthanya at Thoramalawa, Mahanareriya, Galgamuwa recently. Here, the Prime Minister unveils the plaque to mark the event. Former Minister R.A.D. Sirisena was also present.



The opening ceremony of the newly built Probation and Childcare Services Department, Matara office at Matara was held recently. Here, Rev. Father Herath of Fort, Matara lights the oil lamp at the ceremony. Matara Mayor S.M.W. Upul Nishantha looks on. Picture by A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Correspondent



The Sri Lanka Model United Nation Conference 2009 certificate awards ceremony was held at the BMICH recently. Here, Education Minister Susil Premajayantha handing over a certificate to a student. Picture by Ruzaik Farook



Solex Engineering (Pvt) Ltd, gifted a number of road signs to Madhu Church and helped provide drinking water to pilgrims during the Madhu Festival by setting up a number of water tanks. Here, Vicar General, Mamar Rev. Father A. Victor Sosal and Madhu Church Administrator Rev. Desmond Claus receiving the articles from Solex Marketing Manager Muditha Wijayakulathilake and Sales Manager Srinath Dissanayake.



Professor Mohan Munasinghe, Co-Laureate, 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace and Vice Chair, UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC-AR4 with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Professor Munasinghe and Blair were the two plenary keynote speakers recently at EcoForum 2009 in China, where they briefed senior Chinese Ministers and Government officials on climate change and sustainable development. Prof. Munasinghe is also Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development, Sri Lanka and Director-General, Sustainable Consumption Institute, University of Manchester, UK.



The Sixth Badge of the Youth Political Academy conducted by the National Youth Service's Council and in collaboration with Sri Jayawardanapura University was dispersed recently. (From left): H.A. Dharmasena (Director of NYSC - Development), Ananda Wickramarachchi (Director Administration), Bhaswara Senanka Gunaratne (Chair/Director General), Kanachand Jayaratne (Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councillor), Pavitra Wanniarachchi ( Youth Affairs Minister ), S. Wirithamulla (Secretary to the Ministry), Dr. Karunaratne (Vice Chancellor Jayawardanapura University) and lecturers Nishantha Hettiarachchi and Shantha Gamlath. Picture by Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Special Correspondent



Horana Sri Nuwan Computers and Electrical (Pvt) Ltd which was established in 2000 is engaged in several business ventures and community services projects. The company's Rs. 3.5 million project involves the free distribution of computers among selected students following IT courses launched by the company. The company distributes computers among schools and religious books among schoolchildren. Here, company Chairman and Managing Director Dinesh Sri Nuwan Amarasingha hands over a computer to a student.



A felicitation ceremony was held to honour 35 soldiers from Suduwelipotha, Boralugoda and Agale who joined the Armed Forces and fought to save the nation from terrorists. The ceremony was held at the Suduwelipotha Community Hall under the patronage of Sihanada Foundation. Here Industrial Development, Ranaviru Welfare Minister Kumara Welgama presenting an award to a war hero. Provincial Council Member Ranjith Somawansa was also present.



Justice and Law Reforms Minister Milinda Morogoda accompanied by Mass Communication Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardene and Commissioner General of Prisons Major General V.R. de Silva joined the inspection tour of the Matara Prison recently. Matara Superintendent of Prisons, Senerath Senanayake pointed out that 741 prisoners have been detained at the Matara Prison while the approved number was only for 321. During a meeting with Minister Morogoda who visited the Matara prisons, prison officials put forward several issues affecting them. They highlighted the delay of promotions, lack of firearm training to tackle situations created by underworld gangsters on remand and poor welfare facilities. The Minister stressed that steps would be taken to promote 75 percent of the Jail Guards and the Overseers as Jailors under a policy decision taken recently.



Under the Uthuru Vasanthaya program, the Livestock Development Ministry recently distributed goats to poultry farmers at Uvuniya. Here, Minister C.B. Ratnayake hands over the goats to poultry farmers. Picture by Aruna Ponnambalam, Katgala group correspondent