



Ven. Dr. Rajakeeya Pandiitha Attudawe Sri Rahula Mahanayake Thera of the Sri Rohanara Chapter and Ruhuna University, Matara Chancellor presenting copies of Dhamma books written by him to Southern Province DIG D.W. Prathasinghe at the Matara Bodhi Viharaya premises. Picture by A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Correspondent.



'Towards Freedom and Social Justice' - a poster exhibition organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) in association with Colombo School of Politics was held at the National Art Gallery, Colombo. Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama was among the distinguished invitees. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Academy Head Dr. Christian Krell and acting Ambassador of the Republic of Germany Dr. Stefan Weckbach also participated.



Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Koelmeyer of Superlink Travels paid a courtesy call on Colombo Archbishop Rev. Dr. Malcolm Ranjith at Archbishop's House, Colombo. A special memento from Jerusalem was presented to the Archbishop.



The Kandy Buddhist Association commemorated Binara Poya by conducting the Adopt-A-Gran Scheme, a program sponsored by Helpage, UK and Helpage Sri Lanka where elders in need and living with their families under the extended family system are given sustenance allowance of Rs. 500 and a parcel of dry rations. Here K.G. Ariyadasa from Kandy receives a parcel of dry rations from YMBA, Kandy president Ganihi Dodanwala. Sarana Sevana Elders Home, Mawitwala Chairman Dr. R.M.B. Seneviratne and Help-A-Gran program, Secretary, Ganihi Samarathunga were also present.



The Kirulapone branch of the Bank of Ceylon was opened recently. Here retired Justice Chandradasa Nanayakkara addressing the gathering. Nugegoda Bank of Ceylon Manager Chaminda Wedagedera was also present.



The All Ceylon Muslim Education's 45th Anniversary celebration was held at the Sasakawa Hall recently. Here Harcourts Foundation Chairman Ahmed Riyaz hands over the main sponsor cheque for Rs. 250,000 to Muslim Education Vice President, Presidential Advisor A.H.M. Azwer, Secretary, M.Y. Bawa, Treasurer Ibrahim Farook and Harcourts Company Financial Director, Nawas Musthafa are also in this picture. Picture by Ashraf A. Samad, Dehiwala - Mt. Lavinia Sp. Corr.



The annual prize giving of De Mazenod College, Kandana was held at the College auditorium recently. Here Sri Lanka Tea Research Institute Chairman Dr. S. D. P. Jayawardana hands over a certificate to a student. College Administrator Rev. Bro. Clarent was also present. Picture by W. Wilfred Silva, Ja-Ela Corr.



Co-Laureate, 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace (Vice Chair, IPCC-AR4) Professor Mohan Munasinghe receiving felicitations from Nepalese Prime Minister Manmohan Kumar, after delivering the opening plenary keynote speech at the recent South Asia Regional Workshop on Climate Change Adaptation and Vulnerability, organized by the Government of Nepal and the World Bank in Kathmandu. The meeting was attended by Ministers and senior officials from SAARC countries. Prof. Munasinghe is also Munasinghe Institute for Development (MIND), Sri Lanka Chairman and Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI), University of Manchester, UK Director General.

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Ceylon Society for the Prevention of Accidents (CESPA)

The Ceylon Society for the Prevention of Accidents, (CESPA) held its Annual General Meeting recently at the Police Inspectors Mess, Bambalapiya.

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the coming year (2009/2010).

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The rehabilitation of a long neglected road, M. D. H. Jayawardhana Mawatha, Aturugiriya was started recently by the Western Province Road Development Authority under the direction of the Education Minister Susil Premajayantha and Western Provincial Council member Deshabandu Jagaththama Liyanage. Here the residents of the area who also participated in the work with the Chief Incumbent of the Seewali Asapuwu temple Ven. Padalangala Dhammaveera Thera and Principal Oruwalla Vidyalaya Amarasing Devasa. Picture by Dushmantha Jayadana



War heroes are taken in procession by residents for felicitation ceremony at Senarathgama in Harispaththua Division recently. DIG Central Region Pujith Jayasundara was also present. Picture by M. M. Razeek, Harispaththua Group Correspondent



A donation of clothes, sports equipment and other items needed by resident patients of the Angoda Mental Hospital sponsored by the Pasan Devni Commemorative Foundation took place at the hospital recently. Here the Treasurer of the Foundation and Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue Department S.S.D. Weerasekera handing over those items to Specialist Dr. Pushpa Ranasinghe.



Students of Gateway College, Negombo collected dry rations, clothes and other essential goods for the Internally Displaced People at the Cheddikulam centre in the Vavuniya District. This was organized by the Primary Prefects of Gateway College Negombo. Here Primary Prefects, students and staff members of Gateway College, Negombo with the Foundation and Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue Department S.S.D. Weerasekera handing over those items to Specialist Dr. Pushpa Ranasinghe. Picture by H. Fernando Negombo Special Corr.



'The Light of Asia' competition is conducted annually on a national basis by the Young Men's Buddhist Association. This competition has been conducted by the YMBA over the past 75 years. Mohamed Sajad Ghaffoor, a student of Royal College, Colombo was placed first in the Junior Boys competition. Here Sajad Gaffoor receiving his trophy from Professor Naraththa Warnasuriya who was chief guest at the awards ceremony.



A ceremony was held recently at Pinwatta Purana Viharaya, Dehiwala to award certificates to appreciate the services of the members of the Civil Defence Committees and Grama Seva Niladris of Dehiwala and Koluwela. The meeting was chaired by DIG (Sri) Nimal Mediwaka. Here Civil Defence Committee member Malwatta A. Godwin de Alwis receiving certificate of appreciation from DIG Prasanna Nanayakkara.



International Telecommunication Union, Deputy Secretary General Houlin Zhao was in Sri Lanka on an official visit. Zhao also paid a visit to the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. Here the Deputy Secretary General signing the visitors book at the TRCSL. Director General of Telecommunications Priyantha Karjapurperuma was also present.