

## COMMUNITY



Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen's Association President General Hamilton Wanasinghe pinning the first Poppy Flower on President Mahinda Rajapaksa to inaugurate the 2009 Poppy Season at Temple Trees. Poppy Committee Chairman Major General Asoka Amunugama, Secretary General Brigadier K. A. Gnanaweera and Association Administrative Office Lieutenant D. A. R. Jayatunga were present.



Ranaviru Seva Authority (RVSA) Chairman Anoma Fonseka visited the Southern Province Governor's Auditorium in Galle to meet Galle District RVSA Samadaya members. Southern Province RVSA office is located at the Galle Governor's Secretariat. Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya also attended the meeting. Picture by D. C. de Silva, Kahawa special corr



The Central Tennekumbura YMAA Kandy donated Rs. 25,000 to Leukemia patient Inul Shifa of Alawatugoda to purchase medicine and injection. Here retired teacher of Zahira College, Gampola A. C. Alavi and a member of the Association handing over the cheque to her. Looking on are Association Life General Secretary A. A. Mohamed Nagoorichai and the child's father.



A ceremony to mark Universal Children's Day jointly organized by the Bank of Ceylon and the Guruge Group was held at the Guruge Nature Park, Ja-Ela on Thursday. Here Speaker W. J. M. Lokubandara who was the chief guest being conducted to the venue by Bank of Ceylon acting General Manager W. G. Nalin and Dr. Mervyn Dhanawardana Guruge of Guruge group. Picture by W. Wiffred Silva, Ja Ela group corr



Healthcare and Nutrition Minister at discussions with a delegation of the Government Family Health Services Union led by its National Organizer Dulcey Hemalatha Silva which called on him at his ministry. During the discussions the Minister promised to increase the family health services cadre by another 800 by recruiting G.C.E. Advanced Level qualified women who are unmarried. He said a special concession would be given to women in the North and East by reducing the required qualification to a pass in the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination. Picture by Wyman Hettiarachchi



The Annual Award Ceremony of LIC Board of Directors was held recently. Here CEO and M. D. M. Jayantha, Director Eraj Wijesinghe, Chairman T. S. Vijayan and Director T. Thomas. Picture by Aruna Ponnambalam, Kotagala group correspondent



President Mahinda Rajapaksa recognized initiatives of women activists in the sphere of self-employment at a public meeting held at Medamulana, attended by representatives of women's organizations from Galle, Matara and Hambantota Districts. Selected trainee beauticians from among the participants at several workshops organized by the Prof. G.L. Peiris Foundation and held in Tangalle, Ambalantota and Hambantota recently to train 2,500 unemployed women in the Hambantota District in self-employment careers in beauty culture were awarded gift parcels by the President. Export Development and International Trade Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services Minister Malthreepala Sirisena and Nature's Secrets (Pvt) Ltd. Chairman Samantha Kumarsinghe were also present.



A blood donation campaign was organized by Douglas & Sons (Pvt) Ltd at 290/25, Sri Sangaia Mawatha, Colombo 10. This campaign was launched based on a concept of Douglas & Sons (Pvt) Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Saroj Perera. One hundred and fifty two pints of blood were collected within six hours.



The Sethsripaya Hindu Association celebrated Saraswathi Pooja at the Sethsripaya premises recently. Here Urban Development and Sacred Area Development Ministry Secretary Dr. P. Ramanijan and Social Services Ministry Secretary V. Jegarasasingham participate in the ceremony.



Anuradhapura Central College student Shivantha Buddhika who won the third prize at the All Island Inter-School Music Contest receives his certificate from Education Minister Susil Premajayantha at the school's annual prize giving. Kandy Government Agent Gotabaya Jayaratne and Principal Manike Jayasena are also in the picture. Picture by Asoka Senarath, Anuradhapura group



A 'Singithi Pola' organized by the Principal and the tutorial staff of Sri Chandraratna Maha Vidyalaya, Kelaniya was held at its school premises in connection with Universal Children's Day. Here children selling items to customers. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Group correspondent



The Y's Men's South Western District conference was held at the Royal View Restaurant, Colombo 7. Seated from left are the Regional Director Y's Men International Sri Lanka Region Michael Matthys, District Governor SW - V. Ariyaratnam, District Secretary SW - Elizabeth Dwight and District Treasurer SW - June Stephen.



Justice and Law Reforms Minister Milinda Moragoda met Justice Minister of The Netherlands, E.M.H. Hirsch Ballin at the Justice Ministry in The Hague. This meeting was part of an initiative to establish close cooperation between the two countries in the spheres of justice and the judiciary and to develop a medium and long-term strategy in this regard. During this meeting the two ministers discussed the possibility of establishing a framework for cooperation between the two countries which would include capacity-building and training for judges, prosecutors, prison officials, etc. The Minister briefed his counterpart on the challenges Sri Lanka faces in the post-conflict environment and discussed possible support from The Netherlands for the Ministry's program with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to rehabilitate former LTTE cadres.



The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants held the convocation for 324 candidates who had passed the chief CIMA examination at the BMICH Colombo. Here chief guest CIMA Director of Brand Perry awarding the certificate to one of the CIMA finalists Lakmini de Silva.



The annual prefects day of President College, Minuwangoda was held at the college hall recently. Here principal M. Sumanadasa Silva pinning the badge on junior head prefect Rusiru Priyankara. Western Provincial Council member Layal Jayasinghe also participated. Picture by Ivo Nissanka, Divalipitiya group correspondent



A newly built Co-op City of the Dalugama MPSC Ltd. was opened by Labour Minister and SLP Chief Organiser for Kelaniya Mervyn Silva at Kohalwila, Dalugama, Kelaniya recently. This was initiated by the Dalugama MPSC Ltd. President Nalin Cabral. Here the Minister addressing the gathering. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya group correspondent



The All Ceylon Muslim Educational Conference Committee visited Puttalam recently. Here All-Ceylon Muslim Educational Conference President Dr. Hussain Ismail handing over a memento to Livestock Development Deputy Minister K.A. Baiz, thanking him for his services towards education in the Puttalam. District Secretary A.A. Easa and Zonal Education officer Puttalam M. Marikkar were also present. Picture Ashrafi A. Samad, Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia spl. corr.



Zahira College, Colombo Group of 80, organized a Creative Memory Training Program for students at the Abdul Gaffoor Hall recently. Here Education Committee Chairman Iqram Thowfeek presenting a medal to a student. Program Trainer Zafar Mahmood of Bangalore and Zahira College Primary Section Vice Principal Dr. Kalyani Karunathilake are also in the picture. Picture by Ruzak Farook