



Most Ven. Thibbotuwawe Siddhartha Sri Sumangala Maha Nayaka Thera of the Malwatta Chapter in discussion with All Ceylon Women's Buddhist Congress President Chitra Dias and Executive Committee Members regarding threats from fundamentalists and NGOs to the Buddha Sasana.



The annual prize giving of Sri Dharmaloka MMV Kelaniya was held at the school's auditorium recently. Here, Chief Guest Kelaniya University Chancellor and Vidyalankara Pirivena Principal Ven. Welamitiyawe Kusaldhamma Nayaka Thera hands over an award to Shanika Priyadharshani. Vice Principal Ven. Napagoda Sumanatissa Thera and Principal A.P. Nimal Jayaweera are also in the picture. *Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Group Correspondent*



Ports and Aviation and Irrigation and Water Management Minister Chamal Rajapaksa inspected the progress of the accelerated program commenced by the Irrigation Department to provide irrigation facilities to 7000 acres of land which had been abandoned for the last 20 years due to the terrorist activities in the area, by clearing the land and restoring the tanks and canal systems of the Musali area in the Mannar District. Under this program, the Irrigation Department will clear and provide irrigation facilities for the cultivation of 1,700 acres of land in the Maha season whilst the total acreage of 7000 acres will be made ready for cultivation prior to the 2010-2011 Maha cultivation season. Irrigation and Water Management Ministry Secretary Ivan de Silva and Irrigation Director General Shelton Somasiri accompanied the Minister. *Picture by P. D. Ranjith*



A Community Service Program has been organized to help low income people in Ratnapura electorate under the patronage of Power and Energy Minister W.D.J. Seneviratne. Disabled soldiers have been provided with wheel chairs and spectacles while books have been given to the needy at a cost of Rs. 30 million under this program. Here, Minister Seneviratne presents books to a student. Nation Building Minister Jagath Pushpa Kumara, Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Bandula S. Karawita and Provincial Council Vice Chairman Ranjith Bandara were present.



A blood donation camp was held at Eheliyagoda post office for the fifth consecutive year mark Universal Postal Day. *Picture by Ariyaratne Perera*



The Janasabha Secretariat built on an allocation of Rs. 9 million by the Southern Development Authority at Palatwala, Matara was opened recently with the participation of several Ministers. The Janasabha Secretariat intends to provide all services required by the rural community under one roof. All services rendered by the post office, office of the Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Office, Public Health Office, Family Health Office and office of the Agricultural Research, in addition to the normal services provided by zone office of the Southern Development Authority can be obtained here. Here, Export Development and International Trade Minister and Posts and Telecommunication Acting Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris cuts the ribbon to open the new post office housed at the Janasabha Secretariat complex. Posts and Civil Aviation, Irrigation and Water Management Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, Transport Minister Dullas Alahapperuma, Mass Media Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardhana, Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority Chairman Ranjith Gunasekera, and Postmaster General M.K.B. Dissanayake were also present.



L.G. Kularatne who assumed duties as the Ratnapura Senior Superintendent of Police reviews a guard of honour presented by officers of the Ratnapura Police Station recently. *Picture by S.A.L. Niroshana, Ratnapura District Special Corr.*



The newly elected prefects of St. Anthony's (Boys) College, Panadura were awarded badges for 2009-2010. Here chief guest Horana ASP H.M. Dharmasena pins a badge on Head Prefect Lahiru Nadereera. Principal Sarath Mahinda Jayamma looks on. *Picture by Susil Ratnawera, Panadura North Group Corr.*



Twenty five disabled War Heroes who completed a six months IT course were given certificates at a ceremony at the Department of Pensions, Maligawatta. Here, chief guest Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama addressing participants. A collection of war experiences written by soldiers named *Virunanga Athakoen* was also launched at the ceremony. Department of Pensions Director General K.A. Thilakarathna and DIG in-charge of the Police Welfare Division D.S.R. Wanaguru also participated.



Parliamentary Affairs Minister M.H. Mohamed handed over letters of appointment to Justices of the Peace at his Ministry Office.



Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Minister Felix Perera participating in a Vap Magul ceremony organised by the Naragoda Paluwa East Thunadadeniyawa Farmers Organisation on October 14.



The Cub Scout Group - 2009 of Bellapitiya Kanishtha Vidyalaya in the Bulathsinhala Education Division received their badges at a ceremony held at the school recently. District Instructor Cubs in Horana Division, Teacher-in-charge of the Cub Group in the school Nandee Niriella, Principal M.I. Gorokkoda and Assistant Instructor Cub-Group Indrani Muthukuda were also present. *Picture by Milton Dharmasinghe, Bulathsinhala Spl. Corr.*



A dance presentation entitled "Talents 2009" to raise funds for the Daham Pasala, Delvure, Ja-ela was held at the Don Bosco Institute, Dungalpaya. Here, students of the Daham School presenting the inaugural dance to welcome the audience. *Picture by D.N.B. Kirihetti, Pamunugama Group Correspondent*



Zahira College, Colombo organized a Teachers Day ceremony at the college hall recently. Here Zahira College Board of Governors Chairman Fowzul Hameed presenting a memento to Vice Principal Ananda Ponnamparuma. Principal TK. Azoor and Director of Studies A. Anverdeen are also in the picture. *Picture by Ruzain Farooq*



A ceremony was held in Wattala to commemorate the 10th death anniversary of War Hero Capt. Premil Perera. It was organized by the Premil Perera Foundation. Here, Wattala OIC Nimal Ratnayaka distributing stationery to a child.



The Annual Language Day of St. Anne's Balika Vidyalaya, Wattala was held recently. Here, special guests, Wattala Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Raj Silva, Veteran film and tele-drama actor Jayasekera Appiso, St. Anne's Balika Vidyalaya Principal Sister Mary Krishanthi and teaching staff being accompanied by the school band to the Main Hall. *Picture by Indika Prasad Namasiri*



A Ranaviru Upahara ceremony to pay tribute to War Heroes organized by residents of Deligama was held at the Deligama Sri Saranankara Daham Pasala in Yelmawara recently. Here, Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa who was the chief guest handing over a memento to a War Hero. *Picture by Udeni Rajapaksa*