



The Bank of Ceylon Branch in Minuwangoda held a ceremony to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Bank of Ceylon recently. Here Minuwangoda Bank of Ceylon Branch Manager K. A. Wijesinghe offering *pirikara* to Minuwangoda Raja Maha Viharadhipathi Ven. Hawanathangama Silaratna Thera after religious observances. Picture by Iyon Nissanka, Divulapitiya group correspondent



The Old Boys' Association of Asoka Vidyalaya, Colombo organised a *Ranaviru Upahara* Program at the school recently. Here Defence Ministry Seva Vanitha President Anoma Rajapaksa and Asoka Vidyalaya Principal U.M. Prasanna lighting the oil lamp at the commencement of the proceedings. Picture by Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia spl. corr.



Success Sri Lanka, Kandy, commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army, by conducting a felicitation program where 18 wheelchairs were presented to disabled soldiers of the Boyagana Vijayabahu Regiment Kurunegala under the patronage of Success Sri Lanka Project Director Ven. Medagama Dhammananda Thera. The wheelchairs were donated by a group of Sri Lankans domiciled in Lebanon led by Ajantha Abeyesinha. The program was co-ordinated by Success Sri Lanka Secretary Ananda Kahawatte. Here Ven. Medagama Dhammananda Thera donates a wheelchair to a disabled soldier. Picture by Victor Alahakoon, Peradeniya Special correspondent



The Wayamba Engineering Diplomates' Association (WEDA) organized a Blood Donation Campaign at the Scout Building, Kurunegala as an annual humanitarian project of WEDA. About 100 participants donated blood. Here WEDA President Gamini Swarnapala with a Buddhist monk who donated blood.



Investment Promotion Minister Navin Dissanayake opened the Nuwara Eliya Farmeston village road development project. The Maga Neguma - Jatika Saviya Project had spent Rs. 1 million to implement this project.



Consultant Eye Surgeon Dr. Samantha Amararatunga of the Seeduwa Vijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital who has staked a claim to enter the Guinness Book of Records by performing 196 Cataract operations on patients within a period of 12 hours was felicitated by his alma mater Kandana De Mazenod College at a ceremony at the school premises recently. Here Dr. Amararatunga being conducted to the venue by de Mazenod Principal Bro. Bertram Perera and staff. Picture by W. Wilfred Silva, Ja Ela group corr



The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Indonesia Friendship Association (SLIFA) was held at the Raptaloka Hall of the Indonesian Embassy. Dudley Thambinayagam was elected President for year 2009/2010. Ambassador for the Republic of Indonesia Djafar Husein was the Chief Guest. Here the newly appointed Executive Committee of SLIFA.



The 105th anniversary of the Automobile Association (AA) coincided with the recent visit to Sri Lanka of World Rally Champion, Representative and Presidential Candidate of FIA Ari Vatanen. Here from left: AA Past President Rajah Sinnathuray, Ari Vatanen AA President Dhammika Attygalle, AA Vice President Nihal Gamage and Secretary Anton Kandiah at an event at the Galle Face Hotel.



A special meeting to identify the problems and draw the future programs of the Consortium of the Vocational training Centres of Ampara District sponsored by the World University Services of Canada (WUSC) was held under the patronage of District Secretary Sunil Kanungara recently. Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission's Director General Dr. T.A. Piyasiri who participated in the meeting addressing representatives of the Vocational Training Centres of Ampara District. WUSC's Deputy Field Director East M. M. Ameer is on his left. Picture by M. A. Phakurdeen - Addalachenai group correspondent



A *Vap Magul* ceremony presided by Gampaha District MP Neil Rupasinghe was held at the Heeneela paddy field Horape in the Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division. This paddy field 25 acres in extent, had not been cultivated for the last 30 years. Steps were taken by the Agrarian Services Office, Pamunugama to provide initial facilities and encourage the farmers of the area to cultivate this paddy field. - Picture by D.N.B. Kirihetti, Pamunugama group correspondent



A representative from HELP University, Malaysia was in Sri Lanka recently to conduct seminars for students who are aspiring for higher studies abroad. Here Dorothy of HELP University addressing a group of people. She also had discussions with overseas travel education centres in Colombo.



Students of Ginigathena Primary School in the Hattton Educational Zone who got through this year's Grade Five Scholarship Examination with teachers Nirmala Saman Kumari (left), Punya Maldeniya (centre) and Sumithra Medawatte. - Picture by G.A. Gunaseena Ginigathena special corr.



The Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat organized an eye clinic for elders in Vyavapullyan kulam Rural Development Society hall to mark Elders Day. Vavuniya General hospital eye doctors treated patients. - Picture by T. Vivekara, Vavuniya spl. corr.



Teacher of Kandy High School felicitated students on Teachers' Day organising a 'Talent Show' to entertain students. Here an item from a Talent Show by the teachers. This was organised by Principal Malkanthi Abeygunawardane with the assistant of Kandy Girls High School Guild President Nishantha Eriyagama. Picture by Pathadumbura Spl. corr.