

COMMUNITY



New Inspector General of Police Mahinda Balasuriya on October 11 presented a book outlining his five year plan to Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake at the Prime Minister's Office. The IGP while presenting it said it contained necessary materials needed to ensure an efficient police service to the public and added that he prepared it after taking into consideration all aspects of the police service. The Prime Minister while congratulating the IGP said that he appreciated the new efforts of the IGP to meet the general public and police officers during designated official hours every week. The IGP also presented a memento to the Prime Minister which contained the new concepts of the police.



Chinese Ambassador Yang Xiuping, her husband First Secretary Prof. An Jinxian, Secretary to the Ambassador Cao Xia O Jian and several other Chinese delegates toured the Southern Province recently. During the tour they called on Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya at the Governor's Official bungalow on a good will mission. Here Governor Kumari Balasuriya (C) with Chinese Ambassador Yang Xiuping and her husband First Secretary Prof. An Jinxian (L) during the visit. Picture and text by D.C. de Silva - Kahawa Special



Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith during his recent visit to Sri Lanka met Disaster Management and Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe at the latter's Ministry.



Chief guest at the United Nations Day National Observe 2009 Judge Christopher Weeramantry presents an award for the Best Study Circle for 2008 to Head Prefect of St. Thomas' College, Matala, I. Samarasinghe, while United Nations Association President Rohini Nanayakkara and Executive Chairman UNA Sri Lanka Abdul Zawahir look on.



A student receives her certificate from Education Minister Susil Premajayanth at the Annual Prize Giving of Pushpadana Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kandy held recently. Principal E.W.L.K. Egodawela is also in the picture. Picture by Udeni Rajapakse



Plantation Industries Minister D.M. Jayaratne who was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a program to empower tea small-holders held at the Dandure MMV handing over a set of agricultural tools to a tea small-holder. Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, TSHDA Chairman Noel Padmasiri and TSHDA Regional Manager S.R. Gunawardena were also present on the occasion.



A ceremony to mark 25 years in the field of cinema and 15 years in politics by Jeevan Kumaratunga organised by the Jeevan Kumaratunga Foundation was held at the National Youth Theatre, Maharagama. A new website was also launched by Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara to mark the occasion. The website is www.jeevankumaratunga.com. Film Director Sumithra Peries and Prof. Carlo Fonseka were also present. Picture by Wehelle Piyathilaka, Maharagama special correspondent.



The 15th death commemoration of former Minister Gamini Dissanayake was held near his statue at Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 7 recently. Here Minister Navin Dissanayake, Mayantha Dissanayake and family members participate in religious observances. Picture A. Madhwaratne



Bright International School, Kandy held its annual exhibition recently. Sanasa Development Bank Manager Nimal Wickramasinghe was the chief guest.



Royal College Principal Upali Gunasekara opened a Wi-Fi enabled computer kiosk donated by the Old Boys of Group of 93 at a ceremony held at the College recently. Royal College Union Secretary Rizan Nazeer, Treasurer Athula Munasinghe, Group of '93 Immediate Past President Roshan Dayaratne, Secretary Vasana Wickremasena, Treasurer Abdul Rahuman Pallie and members of the Executive Committee were present. Picture by Ruzaik Farooq



President of the Maliyadeva Old Boys' Association Gamini Swarnapala donated a stock of valuable English text books to the college library. Here Maliyadeva College Principal R.M.M. Rathnayake receiving the books. Joint Secretary of the OBA Rohan de Silva was also present.



CUP has extended its support to answer a longstanding need of Pipena Kekulu Preschool in Nambapana, Ingiriya by developing their playground. Ms.C. Kodituwakku and the Standard Chartered Bank contributed funds for the see-saw and the set of swings. Ms.C. Wanasinghe, Mrs. Ravi Weerasuriya, R. Dissanayake and Ms. Tamara de Silva contributed funds to colour-wash the school and build a fence around the premises. The opening ceremony of this playground was held on October 25 with the participation of the principal, children of Pipena Kekulu Preschool and CUP Officials.



The Annual General Meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Sri Lanka was held at the National YWCA Headquarters. The theme of the AGM was 'Women for Sustainable Peace'. Twenty five groups throughout the island were represented. The Business Meeting was conducted in Sinhala and Tamil. US Ambassador Patricia Buteis was the chief guest at the Public Meeting. Religious dignitaries from all four denominations were also present.



The Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition has taken steps to establish a High Dependency Unit for the Cardio Thoracic Unit at the Lady Ridgeway Children Hospital. A team from the Rotary Club of Wattala together with two members from their German sister club visited the hospital with the purpose of designing and identifying a mechanism to undertake a children's heart project to support needy children who are suffering from heart diseases. During the visit the team met the consultant in-charge of the unit Dr. Anoma Perera who pointed out the urgent need of commencement in order to expand the facility and the bottle neck which is the issue with furniture for staff. Rotarian Dr. Armeen Wagner and his wife Elizabeth Wagner immediately decided to assist the project by donating Rs. two million and the goods were supplied and officially handed over to hospital before they left the country. Here, Armeen Wagner and Elizabeth Wagner handing over their donation to Lady Ridgeway Hospital Deputy Director Dr. Wijith Gunasekera.



The Buddhist Association of Sri Lanka Customs conducted a free ayurvedic medical camp to mark its anniversary at the Customs Head Office recently. Here a Consultant Specialist Doctor examines a lady Customs officer. Buddhist Association's Assistant Secretary S.K.S. Sananayake (ASC), Vice President Chandrasiri Vithanage (ASC), General Secretary L.N. Jayasekara (Superintendent of Customs) and Committee Member Suwarna Jayasena were also present. Picture by M.K.M. Azwer - Moratuwa Central Special Correspondent