

Rama's Bridge set up

The Russian film-maker Alexander Volkov unveiled and launched the much awaited research-documentary movie "Rama's Bridge", which tells us about the legendary Bridge between Sri Lanka and India built according to the "Ramayana" story at the request of Prince Rama by his Vanara army to recover his wife Sita, who had been kidnapped by the demon king Ravana.

This movie has been already seen on the central Russian channels by millions of Russians and had very positive responses. The measured icons have been popular in Russia centuries ago. These special icons

were presented to the baby when he or she was baptized. It was made according to the special measures: height and the width of the icon precisely corresponded to the height of the baby and the width of his or her shoulders in the moment when the baby was born.

These icons were to protect its owner during his whole life. The exhibition of antique icons is presented by the Russian Club of the Orthodox Bishops of Arts and the "House of Icons at Spiridonovka" (Moscow) and had already been shown with great success in many European capital such as London, Berlin,

Paris, Athens, Prague etc. The Russian Delegation for this event includes members of the Council of the Federation (Upper chamber of Parliament) of Russia, distinguished figures of Russia political, cultural and business circle.

The ceremony was presented by the Ambassador of the Good Will of UNICEF, "Miss Universe 2009" Oksana Fedorova and Miss Sri Lanka 2008 Gaesha Perera. Famous Russian and Sri Lanka artists also perform made the night more glamorous with singing and dancing.

These are some of the highlights of that evening. *Pictures by Sulochana Gamage*



Namal Rajapaksa MP, Saman Weerasinghe and Director of the movie Rama's Bridge Alexander Volkov and Producer of the movie Peter Selesnov.



Ayrat A. Akhmetov, Director, Russian Centre. Onitha Gurugalle



Vladimir Smuthkov Counsellor and Ireena Smuthkova.

Madam Alfa Akhmetova and baby Amir Khan.



Miss Universe 2002 Oksana Fedorova and Miss Sri Lanka 2006 Gayesha Perera.

Vladimir Mikhaylov Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Sri Lanka and Madam Elena Mikhaylova.

Alexander Volkov and Peter Selesnov.



Nayana Kumari, Gayathri Dias and Gayesha Perera's mother.



ChoKoLAATe Mother Daughter Fashion Contest 2010

For the first time in Sri Lanka finely tailored designer wear by 12 aspiring designers took to the ramp modelled by real-life mothers and daughters. Titled 'ChoKoLAATe Mother Daughter Fashion Contest 2010' the event unfolded at the Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre on May 8. This unique concept was the brainchild of MG square Inc., publishers of ChoKoLAATe magazine.

Chenika Mahalumarage (95), who was a student of Lanka Institute of Fashion Technology (LIFT) and B.S.C

Fashion and Apparel Designer graduate from Bangalore University emerged winner.

She chose 'shades of pink' as her theme. Azeelah Nulair (16) who based her designs on the theme 'Tropical Island' was the first runner up while Royal Institute International School student Duleeka Williams was the second runner up with the theme of 'African Paradise'. Our photographer Sulochana Gamage was there to snap the mothers and daughters in action. *Ranini*



The first prize winner with her designer outfits



Rosy Senanayake giving the award to first prize winner



A mother and daughter walking the ramp



First Runner up