



The four vision impaired families with Arogya Foundation office-bearers. *Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Special Correspondent*

Financial help for visually impaired

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The Arogya Foundation for Disabled is a charity organisation which helps the disabled.

The Foundation's Director is Ven Unapane Ariyadhamma Thera. Buddhist organisations and St Mt Elizabeth Hospital Dr Prem Pillai and others help the Foundation. They presented

wheelchairs, clutches, water beds and other equipment needed for the disabled.

The Foundation recently arranged a ceremony to provide financial assistance to four visually impaired families in Kelaniya who had lost their belongings due to the recent floods.

A well-wisher of the Foundation Nirosha Gamage sponsored the ceremony. Foundation's Chief

Advisor Rajakeeya Panditha Ven Uddahamulle Saranapala Thera, Ven Thalapthitiye Punneyakara Thera, Ven Omare Punyasinghe Thera also participated. Foundation Chairman Prof Ariyapala Perera conducted the ceremony.

The disabled persons who need equipment help can get registered in the waiting list of the Foundation. Contact 071850081 or 0113175889 for details.



People's Bank Galle Bazaar branch celebrated the 49th anniversary of the People's Bank at its office. Southern Province Governor Kumari Basuriya was the Chief Guest. Here the Governor hands over a cheque for a loan to Major TL Gunasekara of the Boossa Army Camp. Easy term loans were handed over to 1,500 soldiers to mark the occasion.

Picture by DC de Silva, Kahawa Special Correspondent

Office-Bearers

Automobile Association of Ceylon

Patron: President Mahinda Rajapaksa
Vice Patrons: Transport Minister Kumara Welgama, Youth Affairs Deputy Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage and Chief Opposition Whip John Amarasinghe, MP.

President: Dhammika Attysalle
Vice President: Nihal Gamage



St Thomas Girls High School, Matara commemorated 125 years service. The book titled *125 Samaruma* was launched at the school main hall to mark the occasion. Here Principal K.S. Pathirana hands over the first copy to the Chief Guest, Education Minister Bandula Gunawardena. Economic Development Deputy Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena looks on. Southern Province Education Director Kithsiri Liyanagamage was also present. *Picture by A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Correspondent*



The All Ceylon YMAA Conference held its Diamond Jubilee Conventions in Colombo. Nadi Bahaudeen elected National President being inducted with the Presidential sash and garlanded by the newly elected Patron Cader M Ali. Outgoing officials KN Deen, Fahmie Oowise and M.S.M. Saleem were also present.



Deputy Education Minister TB Ekanayake presents an award and a certificate of appreciation to Chaturu Tharanga Liyanage of Vidyakara Balika Vidyalaya, Maharagama who obtained the best results at the GCE (O/L) 2009 (English Medium) at the annual prize-giving ceremony held at the National Youth Theatre recently. Principal MDL Adikaram is also in the picture. *Picture by Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Special Correspondent*



The Vegetarian Society of Sri Lanka has created a special Poson Greeting Card to commemorate the Poson Festival. Here, Society General Secretary Wasantha Fernando hands over a card to Chairman Reginald Abeyawira of J.L. Morison Son and Jones (Ceylon) PLC. Managing Director Nihal Samaranayake is also present. *Picture by Janaka Wijerathna*



Second year undergraduates of the Sri Jayawardanapura University Medical Faculty has built a building for students of Bulanaewa Primary School, Galle. They had collected money for this project by washing cars in Colombo and selling pens under the *Diriya Aruna* program. Fifteen students participated in the construction with a few masons and carpenters. Ninety percent of the work has already been completed. The building will be handed over to students of Bulanaewa Primary School at a ceremony to be held soon. *Picture by M.D. Mahinda Dewahewa Group Correspondent*



Sri Lanka Telecom PLC Deputy Chief Corporate Officer DGVS Ratnayake donated books to the School for the Deaf Library, Ratmalana and gift packs to winners and runners-up at the Deaf Schools Volleyball Tournament (Boys and Girls), organized by the Deaf School Past Pupils' Association, Ratmalana. Warden Christopher (1st from left), Chief Guest DGVS Ratnayake (2nd from left), Vice Principal Munasinghe (3rd from left) and Deaf School Past Pupils' Association, Ratmalana President Shivantha Vivekanandan (1st from right) with the students.

