



President Mahinda Rajapaksa lighting the oil lamp at a ceremony held to launch the International Year of Youth (IYY) in Sri Lanka (August 2010-2011) at the Sugathadasa Stadium on Thursday



The President addressing over 5,000 youth at the International Year of Youth (IYY) in Sri Lanka launched on Thursday



President Mahinda Rajapaksa who opened a new building complex at the Buddhist and Pali University on Thursday receiving a special memento from the University's Vice Chancellor Ven Prof Itademaliye Indasara Thera. Picture by Sudath Malawewa



Youth Affairs Minister Dullas Alahapperuma presenting the First Day Cover and Commemorative stamp to President Mahinda Rajapaksa to mark the launch of International Year of Youth. Deputy Youth Affairs Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage was also present



President Mahinda Rajapaksa launching the Website www.srilankayouth.lk



The first ever liver transplant in Sri Lanka was performed by a team of doctors headed by Prof Mendika Wijeratne at the Colombo National Hospital recently. The team of doctors with National Hospital Director Dr Hector Weerasinghe called on President Mahinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees on Wednesday. Secretary to the President Lalith Weeraratunga, Dr Anuja Abayadeera, Dr Renzi Cassim and Dr Nalaka Gunawansa were also present



A section of the gathering including International Youth Council representatives among the distinguished invitees



President Mahinda Rajapaksa visited former Minister Mahinda Wijesekera at his Colombo residence on Thursday. Wijesekera is recovering after the LTTE bomb attack in 2008. Here, the President in conversation with former Minister and his family members. Pictures by Chandana Perera and Nalin Hewapathirana