



The Hambantota Suriyawewa National School Buddhist Association launched a program to help inmates of the Suriyawewa Elders' Home. Here, a student offers a gift to a visually handicapped elder of the elders' home. This program was conducted on the guidance of Buddhist Society patron Ven Witharandeniye Vajirawansa Thera.



National Language and Social Integration Minister S B Nawinna and Ministry Advisor Dilantha Withanage discuss the 'Sihavi' Sinhala, Tamil and Foreign Language program implemented by the Ministry with Russian Ambassador Vladimir P Mikhaylov.



Agriculture Minister Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana presenting a souvenir to Former Director General of Agriculture Dr Jinadara de Soysa in recognition of her services to the Department at the ASDA 2010 held at the Gannoruwa PGRC recently. Deputy Agriculture Minister Jagath Pushpakumara and Secretary to the Prime Minister S Amarasekera are also in the picture. Picture by Udeni Rajapaksa



A dengue program organised by the 306 B 02 Lions District Dengue Program Chairman Dr (Mrs) R Senanayake was held at the Gampaha Town recently. Here Dr Senanayake hands over the dustbins to Gothami Vidyalaya, Gampaha. Vice Governor Jayantha Gunawardhana, Deputy Treasurer Sumith Senanayake and Principal W N R Upali were also present. A lecture was also held at Yasodara Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Gampaha and a street drama was conducted at Gampaha Railway Station in connection with this program. Picture by Mahanama Vithanage - Mahana Group Correspondent



A Audio-CD of Tamil songs by popular singer I S Nathan was released at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte recently. Here the first CD being presented by Traditional Industries and Small Enterprises Development Minister Douglas Devananda to Dr Kawsaladevi Govindapillai while singer I S Nathan looks on. Picture by A Maduraveeran



A program to grant housing loans to Local Government Employees was launched by the North Western Province Road Development, Power, Housing and Fisheries Ministry at a function held at the Ministry Auditorium recently. Here North Central Province Road Development, Power, Housing and Fisheries Minister Sanath Nishantha Perera presenting a housing loan cheque to an employee. Ministry Secretary Jayantha Wijeratne is also in the picture. Picture by W C B Fernando



The newly inducted Prefects of St Nicholas International School, Colombo with Principal Dr Ruwan Perera and Deputy Principal and Master-in-Charge of Prefects Srial Nouis. Pic by Siddath Ramanayake



The Jaffna Municipal Council was in need of garbage bins to keep Jaffna city clean in the wake of Nallur Kandasami Kovil festival and also to prevent the escalating spread of dengue. M/s Soles Engineering (Pvt) Ltd, gifted 150 nos. of garbage bins to fulfill the requirement. Here Jaffna Mayor Yageshwari Pathkumarajah receiving the garbage bins from Soles Engineering (Pvt) Ltd Chief Marketing Officer Muditha Wijayakulathilake. Brand Development Executive M K Wajirajewa and Sales Promotion Officer W Meganath were also present.



The All Island Speech Contest "Light of the World" contest conducted by the YMCA saw the first and second places in both the Senior and Junior Divisions being won by the contestants of Ave Maria Convent, Negombo. In the senior category the First Place was Niroshi Perera, Second Place Sheneli Fernando. In the Junior Category First Place was Jessica Perera and Second Place Radesha Dassanayake. Here Ave Maria Convent Negombo, Principal St. Francine Muthugala with the Senior and Junior winners of the All Island Speech Contest. Picture by H Fernando - Negombo Special Corr.

## Media freedom: Request for proposals

Thilanga Sumathipala MP will be introducing a private members' motion in Parliament to ensure media freedom and right to information.

He requests those interested to send him any proposals or ideas that would be relevant for the debate on the issue. They could be sent to him by post to 65, Ananda Rajakaruna Mawatha, Colombo 10 or by fax to 0112699650, 0112699651. He could also be contacted on tel. 0112697106 or email thilanga@sumathi.lk

