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Prime Minister D M Jayaratne on Tuesday presented copies of five draft bills proposed by the Government for the protection and promotion of the Buddha Sasana to Amarapura Chapter Mahanayaka Thera Most Ven. Davuldena Gnanissara Thera.



The Lions Club of Colombo West celebrated International Children's Day at the Little Heart Montessori, Colombo 7. Here Montessori Director Zinda Annan, Lions Club Colombo West President M Ashroff Hussain, Lions Club of Colombo West Directors Pradeep Edirisuriya, Sybil Jinadasa and Nalin Gunasekera and 306 A2 Zone Chairman Faizal Faleel with the children.



Ports and Aviation Deputy Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena unveils a plaque after opening a new Budu Medura built at the Nagoda Hospital. Hospital Director Dr S.T. Hettiarachchi and the Deputy Minister's Private Secretary A.A. Sarath Kumara were also present.



A special awareness program and distribution of plants and agricultural equipment for Ramasinghe VirkaJaya, Kirihathyoda was held recently with the colaboration of Agricultural Department and the Lions Clubs of Kadawatha Ginkgo 206 B2. Students and teachers with parents in the school development society participated in the program. Here Lions Clubs of Kadawatha Ginkgo President Lion Sanjeewa Ambagahawataga, Kamini Ferranado of the Mahara Agricultural Information Center and Ranasinghe VidyaJaya, Kiribathgoda Principal R Attygale and renorsentations.



Wedijana Irumaya was iaunched under the patronage of National Heritage and Cultural Affaris Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi at the BMICH reently. Here Minister Wanniarachchi presenting a copy of the book Wedijana Urumaya to Vedda Chief Urumarge Wannie Eththo. Ministry Secretary Winar Rubasinghe, editors of Wedijana Urumaya Professors Prishanta Gunawardana and Gamini Adikari were also present on the occasion.



Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister W D J Seneviratne was the chief guest at the old boy's day and educational exhibition organized by Thakshila Central College, Horana to mark Kannangara memorial day. Here the Minister inspecting a student stall. School Principal H K A Abayapal was also present.



Over 400 rehabilitated former LTTE combatants were recently handed back to their parents. Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms Minister D E W Gunasekera, Deputy Minister Vijithamuni Zoysa and Brig Susantha Ranasinghe also participated. *Picture by T Vevekaras, Vavunija Sp Corr.* 



Sri Dharmaloka College anniversary

Sri Dharmaloka College Kelaniya celebrated its 72nd anniversary on October 1. Ven Lunupokume Sri Dharmanda Nayaka Thera and patriot and scholar, Sir D B Jayatilleke pioneered the idea of setting up an English School for Kelaniya.

The primary school was opened by First Prime Minister D S Senanayake.

The College was later upgraded to a National School. Apart from studies, the College has excelled in many extra-curricular activities such as sports, art, music, scouting and inter-school debates under the guidance of Principal Nimal Javaweera.

