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Central Province Industries, Sports Rural Development Estate Infrastructure and Youth Affairs Ministry won the 'Governor's Cup' for the Best Performing Ministry in the Central Province at a ceremony held at the Chief Minister's Office in Kandy recently. Here, Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobekadawa hands over the Governor's Trophy to Ministry Secretary Shirani Weerakoon. Central Province Chief Minister Sarath Ekanayake is also in the picture. *Picture by S M Jeffrey Abdeen, Kandy South group correspondent*



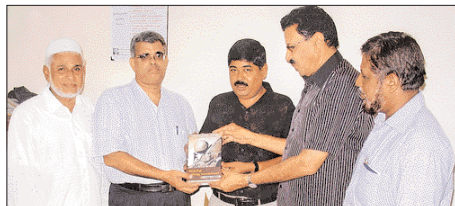
Over 200 children who lost their parents due to the tsunami disaster in 2004, received gift parcels at a ceremony held at Bentota National Holiday Resort, organised by M D Ebert (JP) with the help of Bentota Pradeshya Sabha, Bentota Divisional Secretary, Bentota Police, Bentota Tourist Board, Bentota Tourist Hotels and other donors of the area. Here Bentota National Holiday Resort, Sunil Totagamuwa hands over a gift package to a child. *Picture by Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota group corr.*



National Savings Bank opened its 181st branch at Yatiyantota town recently. Here, NSB Chairman Pradeep Kariyawasam receives the first deposit from a customer. From left to right - Operations Deputy General Manager Kusum Amararatunga, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer H M Henayake Bandara, Colombo East Zonal Manager A P M Chitrani de Silva, Executive Director S T Abegunawardena and Yatiyantota Branch Manager D M Wijeyakoon. *Picture by Dehivanta special correspondent*



Balagoda Kumara Vidyalaya recently held a felicitation ceremony for its Principal Y M S Bandara who went on retirement. Here, Sabaragamuwa University Lecturer Priyantha Weerasekera hands over a memento on behalf of the School Development Society, in appreciation of Bandara's service. *Picture by A M Gunasekera Banda, Balagoda Central group correspondent*



Thinakural Editor V Thanabalasingham's collection of editorials, 'Urukku Nallathi Seivan' book launching ceremony was held at Colombo recently. Here, W M Yehiyan receives a book from author Thanabalasingham. ITN Director Hashim Omar and Samugajothi M A Raheek are also in the picture. *Picture by Ruzaik Farook*



The conference of Sri Lankan Malays (COSLAM) held the Commemoration Meeting of National Hero Dr T B Jayah at the Gaffoor Hall, Zahira College, Colombo recently. Here, guest speaker Zahira College (former Principal) Javid Yousuf delivers the memorial oration on T B Jayah. Chief Guest Indonesia's Ambassador in Sri Lanka, Djafar Hussain, COSLAM President T K Azoor and Zahira College Principal Mohamed Jiffry are also in the picture. *Picture by Ruzaik Farook*