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Vite, vite for the big day!

**Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka
for Miss World 2011**

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The most awaited beauty pageant of Sri Lanka, Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2011 is set to go on the floors at Galadari Hotel, Colombo, on May 19. Over 60 applicants with the intent of winning the prestigious crown flocked to the same venue for the preliminary rounds in late February. Their dream of walking away with the coveted title is now only just weeks away from becoming a reality.

Fashionista!

Being organised for the fifth consecutive year by Derana, it is indisputable that the pageant has become bigger and better each passing year. This year's show is being organised with grandeur to surpass all the high expectations of viewers and readers of the country in line with global standards.

The preliminary round of the pageant was adjudged by the sensational Anarkali Aakarsha who said that Sri Lankan girls are stunning, along with former Miss Sri Lanka Rochelle Adriana Correa, prominent Fashion Designer Senaka Silva and ace Fashion Photographer Arantha Sirimanne. The series of mini pageants saw many other film and modeling personalities such as Nehara Peris, Deepak Shammuganathan and Rozelle Plunkett shoulder the challenge of selecting the deserved beauty under various categories.

The ten top finalists are beautiful, intelligent and ooze with personality. When the going gets tough the tough get going. That is exactly what these ten damsels have been doing since February by working tirelessly to give their best for the mini pageants namely, Most Beautiful Skin, Best Legs, Miss Energetic, Top Model, Miss Talent, Miss National Costume and Miss Photogenic.

The girls come from all walks of life, company directors, a pole vault athlete, a television presenter, an actress and models make up the list but they share one unanimous dream of taking the glory of Sri Lankan beauty to the global arena.

The regard the opportunity to be part of such a pageant as an opportunity of a lifetime as it has already garnered them prominence and popularity.

The mini pageant for Top Model which was held over the weekend saw magnificent sets being constructed over the Bolgoda Lake at the Thotupala Resort in Piliyandala. The girls were clad in their finest wear to enthrall the judges and give the Sri Lankan audience a true feel of glamour and splendour. The pageants for Miss National Costume and Best Figure which highlighted their silhouettes were stupendous head turners.

The weekly happenings of this glamorous show are being telecast on Derana TV every Friday from 7 to 8 pm. Those with a desire for beauty and elegance can be guaranteed of some sheer delight as the girls unfold a quotient of graceful glamour raising the benchmark of beauty pageants to new and commendable levels.

Pictures by Arantha Sirimanne



Pushpika de Silva



Anne Piyumali



Charitha Waldyasiri



Chamupa Godage



Piumi Perera



Uddima Oshadi



Shimalka Bodaragama



A model parades a transparent blouse by Therese Rawsthorne

Spring and summer fashion in Sydney

Fashion designers exhibited their collections of spring and summer fashion at the Australian Fashion Week spring/summer collections show in Sydney. The annual festival showcases over 50 renowned and up-and-coming designers from Australia.

A model exhibits a printed dress by Perry

Pictures: AFP



A red hot gown by Perry



A slick black dress by Alex Perry
Donning a top with a colourful headdress by Rawsthorne