

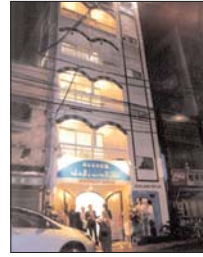
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The book titled 'Otsami' a book to educate and support parents of the children who are suffering from Otsami disease was handed over to President Maithinda Rajapaksa at Temple Trees by its author Manel Victoria, Dr Anoma Jayatilaka and Chandani Lyanage were also present. Picture by Sudath Silva



As-Salaam Masjid built by Sri Lankan community in Japan, headed by As-Salaam opened by Senior Minister for Urban Affairs A H M Fowzie MP recently. From left: Minister for Indigenous Medicine Salinda Dissanayaka, Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Japan Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda, Chairman of As-Salaam Foundation Mohamed Nazeer and Sheik Hussain Yee of Malaysia.



Night vision of the As-Salaam Masjid built by the Sri Lankan community in Japan.



Under the project to construct cultural centres throughout the country, the 156th Cultural Centre was opened under the patronage of Cultural Affairs Minister T B Ekanayake at Udugampola, Panduwassuwaru recently. The name board of centre was opened by veteran artiste Alankare M P Sirisena Guru who is a resident of the area. Minister T B Ekanayake lead him to open the name board. Deputy Minister Indika Bandaranayake and Cultural and Arts Affairs Ministry Secretary Wimal Rubasinghe also participates in the event.



People's Bank Western Zone II Office commemorated the 2600 Sambuddatha Jayanthi Anniversary of Advent of Buddhism by organizing a vesak lanterns competition, Dansal and Bodhu Bathi Gee Saraniya in its 22 branches attached to Colombo Region. This Vesak Zone was declared opened on Vesak day by the People's Bank Chairman W. Karunajewa and was held for three days. The other officials of Bank also participated.



Ashraff Shihabdeen's a Tamil story book was released at Colombo "Tamil Sangam" on June 03. Former Minister Ferial Ashraff handed over the first copy of the book to Hassim Omar, Editor of the book Ashraff Shihabdeen and former Minister Ameer Ali, Dr Janasekera were also present. Ashraff A. Picture by Samad Dehewi-Mt. Lavinia Sp. Corr.



The Chief of Pakistan Army Staff, General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani NI(M), HI, COAS, along with Mrs Kayani met his course mate Major General Gamini Jayasundera RWP RSP at the Asia Pacific Security Studies and Priyanthi Jayasundara during his visit to Sri Lanka.



The sixth annual meeting of the Sri Lanka Mayors' Conference was held at the Matale Town hall recently. Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister A.L.M. Athaulle, the chief guest being conducted to the venue by Conference Chairman and Kurunegala Mayor Nimal Chandrasiri de Silva. Deputy Minister Rohana Dissanayake, Central Province Chief Minister Sarath Ekanayake and other officials were also present.



The Seva Vanitha Unit of the National Gems and Jewellery Authority organized a programme to provide consumer items to the people. People were able to purchase vegetables at low prices from this stall. This was sponsored by the Sri Lanka Army. The Chairperson of the Authority Jayanthi Daluwatta opened the stall. Textiles and milk foods produced by Fonterra Institute were sold at reduced prices. The Fonterra Institute had also organized a lecture to make aware of the staff on the prevention of osteoporosis.