Sri Lanka Design Festival 2011

Going places

The Sri Lanka Design Festival (SLDF) enthralled fashionistas as models in many varieties of attire took to the ramp at the fashion shows held at the five-day event. Conceptualised by the Academy of Design (AOD) in close association with industry leaders and the government this year's festival was held under the theme *Close-up on Sri Lanka*.

It was oeganised with the aim of portraying Sri Lanka's designing and creative potentials to the world as well as showcasing some of the latest global fashion trends to the local audience. Leading industrialists, government representatives and top businessmen partnered the festival which ran on from November 16 to 20.

Fashion shows, exhibitions, workshops, design and photography forums comprised the line up.

The *Island Craft Fashion Show* took over the Empire Ballroom of the Mount Lavini Hotel on November 16 while November 18 saw the *Close Up On Young Talent* event on stage with budding young designers unfurling their creative talents.

Daily News photographers ***Ranjith Asanka*** *and* ***Lalith C Gamage*** snapped the models on the catwalk.

Sinha Kumariya in the limelight

The Homagama Central Sinha Society 306 C will showcase the Sinha Beauty Queen Competition for the third consecutive year at the Ceylon Continental Hotel, Colombo, on December 24.

Titled *Sinha Kumariya* the event saw more than 60 applicants qualifying for the first round out of the large number of applications received.

Around 24 unmarried ladies between 16 and 25 qualified for the finals to be crown as *Sinha Kumariya*. Apart from the title the girls will also compete for the mini titles: Miss Photogenic, Miss Talent, Miss Personality, Miss Beautiful Skin, Miss Beautiful Hair, Miss Beautiful Face and Miss Beautiful Figure.

The winner will receive Rs 100, 000 and the first runner up will get Rs 75, 000.

Both girls will receive a five day tour of Japan with visa and with expenses. The second runners up will receive Rs 50, 000 and valuable gifts. One of the 10 contestants will also get an opportunity to star in a Sinhala movie.

All 10 finalists will receive valuable gifts and certificates.

The event is organised by District Governor Lal Manuelge, Lion Wirantha Hettiarachchi, Lion Premasiri Hewawasam and team.

Some of the finalists vying for the crown. *Picture by Ruwan de Silva*

A cut above the rest

Contestants on stage

Mr and Miss Hill Country 2011

Mr and Miss Hill Country 2011, fore runner to the 11th Mr and Miss Sri Lanka was held recently at Devon Hotel, Kandy. The glamorous pageant was presented by Big Time Image Makers and produced by Studio 9.

Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa was the Chief Guest. Kandy Mayor Mahindra Ratwatte and fkc Asia Director Andy Zhaao too graced the occasion.

Poojani Wakirigala and Jake Senaratne won the main titles in the event. Six contestants in the tall category and four contestants in the Petite category were selected for the National Finals – Mr and Miss Sri Lanka 2012 for five world pageants.

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