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## President hosts diplomats

President Mahinda Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranathi Rajapaksa hosted the Colombo-based diplomats and their families to a New Year function at Temple Trees last week

*Pictures by Chandana Perera*



Ambassador for United States Patricia A Butenis.



High Commissioner for the United Kingdom John Rankin greets First Lady Shiranathi Rajapaksa.



First Lady Shiranathi Rajapaksa presenting gifts to the children of diplomats



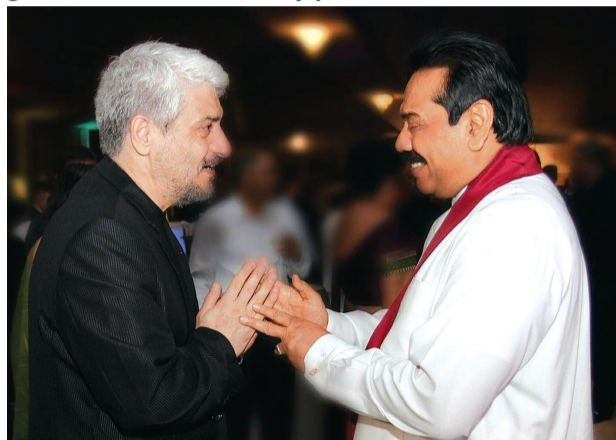
Ambassador for France Christine Robichon greets President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa, External Affairs Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Norwegian Ambassador Hilde Heraldstad pose for a photo with children.



Ambassador for Korea Jang moon Choi.



Charge D'Affaires for Iran Dr Alireza Eghlim.



Ambassador for Cuba Nirsia Castro Guevara.



Ambassador for UAE Mahamood M Al Mahmood.



Ambassador for Palestine Dr Anwar Al Agha.



High Commissioner for Maldives Hussain Shihab.



Deputy Head of Mission for Netherlands Bas Van Noordenne.



Ambassador for Iraq Kahtan Taha Khalaf.



Ambassador for Germany Jens Ploetner.



External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris introduces the High Commissioner for Canada Bruce Levy.