

President declares 2012 as Year for a Trilingual Sri Lanka

Former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was the chief guest at the launch of the 10-year National Action Plan and the declaration of 2012 as the Year of Trilingual Sri Lanka held at Temple Trees under the auspices of President Mahinda Rajapaksa in Colombo on Saturday. The President on the occasion declared 2012 as the Year for a Trilingual Sri Lanka. Former Indian President Kalam said that he was inspired by the landmark initiative, a brain child of President Rajapaksa, which sought to make Sri Lanka a trilingual nation by year 2020.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and the Indian and Sri Lankan delegations holding talks. External Affairs Minister Prof G.L. Peiris and Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka Ashok K. Kantha were also present



Former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam participating as chief guest at the launch of the 10-year National Action Plan and the declaration of 2012 as the Year of Trilingual Sri Lanka



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam discussing a point



The former Indian President being taken on a guided tour of Temple Trees



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at the launch. Senior Scientific Affairs Minister Prof. Tissa Vitharana, External Affairs Minister Prof G.L. Peiris, National Languages and Social Integration Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Justice Minister Rauf Hakeem, Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha, MP, Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka Ashok K. Kantha and Sabaragamuwa Province Governor W.J.M. Lokubandara are also in the picture.



R.Sagana of Puttalam Tamil Vidyalaya presenting the vote of thanks in Sinhala



W.A. Lakmali Dilrukshi Wijesuriya of Teldeniya Madya Maha Vidyalaya presenting the vote of thanks in Tamil



Fathima Jemima of Akkaraipattu Muslim Maha Vidyalaya presenting the vote of thanks in English



The three students who presented the vote of thanks pose for a group photo with President Mahinda Rajapaksa and former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



A section of the foreign diplomats at the launch of the 10-year National Action Plan and the declaration of 2012 as the Year of Trilingual Sri Lanka



Schoolchildren participating on the occasion



Former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam planting a Red Sandlewood tree at Temple Trees



A variety of dance items which were part of the cultural show



Teachers and officials

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