



Glitz & glamour

Some leading models in the country walked the ramp at a glamorous fashion show held recently. Photographer Sulochana Gamage clicked these moments at the event.



Vivaha 2012

Vivaha, the popular wedding programme celebrated its 150th episode recently with a wedding show held at the BMICH. Titled 'Vivaha 2012' the event saw brides made up by renowned beauticians taking to the stage in a variety of wedding attire. Floral arrangements, wedding cake structures and others elements related to weddings were also on display.

Pictures by Nissanka Wijeratne



Hair and beauty talents galore

The Sri Lanka Association of Hairdressers and Beauticians (SLAHAB) will hold its 15th annual National Awards 2012 on February 12 and 13 at the Galadari Hotel. The two-day event will consist of competitions in 13 different categories of hairdressing and make up, with awards being presented at the grand finale on the final day. There are no restrictions placed on participants who may register to compete at the National Awards. The team invites all hairdressers and beauticians in Sri Lanka, who want to showcase and improve their talents, to take part in this competition, which conforms to international regulations. Leading up to the competition, all registered contestants will be given free training by some of the most renowned hairdressers and beauticians in the industry. As a result, participants will be given a rare opportunity to hone their skills and perform better at the competition. Speaking about the objectives of the National Awards, SLAHAB president Chethika Manamperi said, "The Association is committed to the development of the industry and the two things imperative for this development are training and education in all aspects of hairdressing, and also the creation of competition, which helps sharpen skills and heighten creative abilities. This raises standards and gives people the opportunity to assess themselves. Also, as every rule and regulation at the National Awards is in accordance with international standards, the National Awards acts as a stepping stone for contestants to contend in international competitions."



Fashion extravaganza back in town

Focused on creating livelihoods and making commercial opportunities available for Sri Lankan fashion designers, one of the most anticipated fashion designing events in the island is poised to off in the city from February 24 to 26. Moving from strength to strength since its inception in 2003, the HSBC Colombo Fashion Week has built a reputable following locally and internationally. It sees the integration of a true fashion week with links established with local retailers, international buyers and collaborations with other fashion weeks. Being the only South Asian country that represents many international designers from the region, the event has also now been positioned and seen as the hub for Spring/Summer resort wear. The key objectives of the gala event are to create opportunities for new and established Sri Lankan designers domestically and internationally. This year, the team has taken focused steps to enhance these objectives by creating strategic alliances and ventures that would provide a cohesive platform for designers and the fashion industry in Sri Lanka from a holistic perspective. "Sri Lanka has the perfect opportunity to create a strong local fashion retail network, so a renewed focus on that front coupled with a link with regional fashion buyers, will take us closer to our objectives, which we gave ourselves five years ago. "Every year the event gives a robust foundation to Sri Lankan fashion designers and this year will be no different. Expect more," says CFW president Ajai Vir Singh. On the international front, the fashion extravaganza already collaborates with Malaysia Fashion Week, Russia Fashion Week and Miami Fashion Week. For 2012, further collaborations are in the pipeline, which will only provide a greater platform for local designers. This year the team introduced the GEN-NEXT award for one upcoming designer, Dimuthu won that award and was sent to India to participate in high profile shows.