Cultural Affairs Minister T B Ekanayake paid a courtesy call on veteran writer, composer, poet, announcer and a radio drama producer Sesiri Wijesekera's who celebrated his 79th birthday on February 15 and inquired about his health condition.



The Devinuwara Pradesheeya Sabha distributed a consignment of school informs, shoes, socks, bags and other educational equipment valued at Rs 1.8 million among students of 34 pre-schools in Devinuwara at a ceremony at the Devinuwara PS playground held under the patronage of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dallas Alahapperuma recently. Here minister Alahapperuma presenting a gift parcel to a student during the distribution ceremony. Provincial Minister Chandima Rasaputra, Provincial Council member Kanchana Wijesekara and Devinuwara Pradesheeya Sabha Chairman Sujeewa Wedage were also present on the occasion.



Army personnel attached to the Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment at an aero technology workshop and aero spare observation camp conducted by the aeronautical engineering division of the Arthur C Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies at the Army Training Camp at Eluthumadduval in Kodikamam recently.

## **COMMUNITY**



A massive protest was held at Daladagama town in the Yapahuwa electorate against the UN resolution sponsored by the United States and several Western countries against Sri Lanka at the United Nations Human Rights Council session. Here, the people led by Culture Arts Minister T.B. Ekanayake at the protest



The Moors Islamic Cultural Home, Colombo recently felicitated Colombo Municipal Council Mayor A J M Muzzamil recently. Here Central Tennekumbura YMMA Life General Secretary A A Mohammed Nagoorpichai with the mayor.



Heal the World, a charitable organization helping cancer and Thalassaemia patients from low income families held a Miyesi Rathriya musical programme at Gampaha on February 25 at the Wet Water Resort. Secretary of the organization Samal Dantanarayana handing over cash donation to a cancer patient and parents of two Thalassaemia patients to mark the occasion.



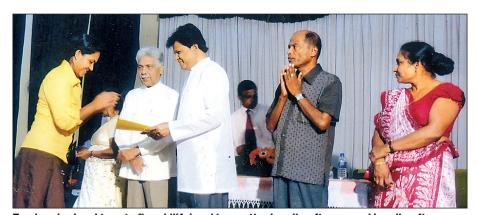
Dr Philomena Chandrasiri was inducted as the President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists for the year 2011-12. Here outgoing President Dr Pranitha Somaratne (left) congratulating Dr Philomena Chandrasiri on her induction as President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists.



Learnium International School at Ethul Kotte recently organised an eye screening day for students and parents in collaboration with ICEE, an Australian NGO and Sightsavers, a UK based charity organization. Here, children participating in the eye screening day.



Fridsro Director of Bokkawala, Kandy Pastor Kumar Rasiah presented passbooks worth Rs 500 each as scholarships to 25 children of Bogambara prison inmates. Here Pastor Rasiah making a token presentation to Chief Superintendent of Prison SP Tissa Jayasinghe. Chief Jailor Mahinda Abeyratne and Chief Welfare Officer S Harisdeen were also present. *Picture by Udeni Rajapakse.* 



Two hundred and twenty five skillful and innovative handicraftsmen and handicraftswomen were provided cash awards and certificates at a ceremony organized in the Anuradhapura district. Here chief guest North Central Province Governor Karunaratne Divulgane presenting a cash award and certificate to a handicraftswoman. Provincial Cooperatives Minister HB Semasinghe and ministry secretary Chandra Chandradasa were also present. Awards and certificates were presented to those in the textile, handicraft and carpentry sectors. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe, Anuradhapura Additional Dist Group corr