

# PICTORIAL

President Mahinda Rajapaksa participated in several ceremonies on March 31 and April 1 at Balangoda and Kandy. President Rajapaksa opened the new building complex for the Faculties of Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and Languages at the Sabaragamuwa University on Saturday. He also opened a new building complex at Balangoda Ananda Maithree MMV. President Rajapaksa also participated in a public rally titled *Rata Ekata* held at Bogambara Grounds, Kandy on Saturday. President Mahinda Rajapaksa also called on the Most Ven Tibbotuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Mahanaya-

ake Thera of the Malwatte Chapter at the Malwatte Viharaya in Kandy, Most Ven Udagama Sri Buddharakkhita Mahanayake Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter at the Asgiriya Temple, Most Ven Niyangoda Vijithasiri Anunayake Thera of the Malwatte Chapter and Most Ven Galagama Sri Attadassi Anunayake Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter. President Mahinda Rajapaksa visited the Sri Dalada Maligawa on Sunday to pay homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic. President Rajapaksa also lit a copra torch when he attended a ceremony to mark Earth Hour at Presidents House in Kandy on Saturday.

*Pictures by Sudath Silva*



President Mahinda Rajapaksa who visited the Sri Dalada Maligawa on Sunday pays homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic. Ven Tibbotuwawe Medhankara Thera who is in charge of the *Tevava* ceremony and Diyawadane Nilame Pradeep Nilanga Dela are also in the picture.



President Rajapaksa who called on the Most Ven Udagama Sri Buddharakkhita Mahanayake Thera of the Asgiriya Chapter at the Asgiriya temple offers *Atapirikara* to the prelate.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa who called on the Most Ven Tibbotuwawe Sri Siddhartha Sumangala Mahanayake Thera of the Malwatte Chapter at the Malwatte Viharaya in Kandy in conversation with the prelate after receiving his blessings. Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa, Chief Minister Sarath Ekanayake, President's Chief of staff Gamini Senarath, Parliamentarian Lohan Ratwatte and Diyawadane Nilame Pradeep Nilanga Dela were also present.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa who opened a new building complex at the Balangoda Ananda Maithree MMV hands over an *Abhiman Matha* honorary award to H M Podinona who has bestowed 21 children to the motherland.



A large crowd at the public rally *Rata Ekata* held at the Bogambara Grounds, Kandy. President Rajapaksa acknowledges the greetings from the public at the *Rata Ekata* rally held at the Bogambara Grounds, Kandy on Saturday