

Momentous moments

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The Commissioning and Passing Out Parade of the 26th Intake of the Kotalawala Defence University was held at the main parade ground of the Naval and Maritime Academy (NMA) in Trincomalee on May 28. Seventy six officers including four officers of the Direct Entry (RNF) second intake 2011, 35 officers of the Direct Entry (VNF) third intake 2011 and 37 midshipmen of the 26th intake passed out. External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris participated as the chief guest and took the salute after inspecting the Commissioning and Passing Out Parade. Navy Commander Vice Admiral Somathilake Dissanayake, senior naval officers, parents and well-wishers were also present on the occasion. Here are some snapshots of the event. Pictures by Nissanka Wijerathne.



External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris inspecting the commissioning



Minister Prof G L Peiris with Navy Commander Vice Admiral Somathilake Dissanayake and other officials at the ceremony



Minister Peiris at the parade



Minister Prof G L Peiris inspecting the passing out parade



The best midshipman W M F W Jayawardena receives the Sword of Honour from Minister Peiris



Lady Mid S P H D Senadeera receiving the award for the highest aggregate score in overall subjects and professional subjects while setting a new record in the history of the Naval and Maritime Academy.



The midshipmen group



Guests at the parade



Performances



Guard of Honour and band march in



The newly passed out Lady Mid commanding the march past.

The newly passed out team of midshipman leaving the grounds