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Young Men's Association of Sri Lanka president Yadamani Gunawardena distributed school uniforms to schoolchildren to mark the birth centenary of Suriya Mal Movement founder Kusuma Gunawardena which fell recently. Tangalle Wajiragiri Viharaya Chief Incumbent Ven. Mirisse Dhammawansa, Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amarawwera and Deputy Finance and Planning Minister Geethanjana Gunawardena were also present. *Picture by Colombo Central Thinkaran correspondent Mohamed Imthiyaz*



'*Jeevithaya Jayaganna ha Jeevithavabodhaya*' compiled and edited by veteran translator and JP J.D. Hettiarachchi was launched recently at the Millawa Sri Dharmavijaya Pirivena. Here, the author presenting the first copy to Piriven Viharadhipathi Ven. Buluwala Rathanasiri Thera. Rtd High Court Judge G.S. Wattedgedara graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Attorney-at-Law Wipula Chandrasena, former Deputy Director of Education Charitha Wickramasinghe, Kurunegala Library and Redingroom Society president M.B. Mendis and Bandarawatte and Millawa Welfare Society Treasurer N.P. Samaranyaka were also present.

Colombo YMBA - the Light of Asia contest 2012



Overall Winner of the 'Light of Asia' Contest Rakbo Perera receiving the D.N.W. de Silva Memorial Challenge Trophy from Prof. Kshanika Hiriburegama and YMBA president Suren Abeyagoonasekera.

The finals and the prize-giving of the 'Light of Asia' Contest 2012 conducted by the Colombo YMBA was held on July 21 at Borella with Colombo University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kshanika Hiriburegama as the Chief Guest. YMBA president Suren Abeyagoonasekera outlined the history and importance of the 'Light of Asia' Contest and annual increase of contestants participating from Colombo, Kandy, Gampaha, Galle and Kurunegala. This year over 1,300 took part. Rakbo Perera from the Marjorie De Alwis School, Nugegoda was adjudged the overall winner carrying the D.N.W. de Silva Memorial Challenge Trophy.

Prof. Kshanika Hiriburegama stressed the importance of study of Buddha Dhamma with its ethics and values by the younger generation of the country, laying down the foundation for a righteous society of disciplined citizens.

Sumedha Amerasinghe, Kusumabandu Samarawickrama and Rajah Kuruppu gave away the prizes of the Dhamma Abhidhamma English Examination whilst Ruwan Fernando, Suren Abeyagoonasekera and Prof. Hiriburegama gave away prizes of the 'Light of Asia' Contest.

Ruwan Fernando, Secretary English Literary Activities, proposed the vote of thanks.



A counselling workshop for Army personnel organized by Sri Narada Foundation and Wear House Project was held in Maradana recently. It was conducted under the guidance of Sri Bodhirajarama Viharaya Chief Incumbent and Founder of Sri Narada Foundation Ven. Kolonnawe Narada Thera with the participation of a large number of Army personnel. Here, Senior Advisor to the Social Services Ministry and Wear House Project Founder D. Lanerole lighting the oil lamp.



The 41st death commemoration ceremony of former Cultural Deputy Minister Somaweera Chandrasiri was held in Piliyandala recently. Here, Cultural and Arts Affairs Minister T. B. Ekanayake presenting a memento gift to his daughter Malani Chandrasiri. Former Cultural Affairs Ministry Secretary Wimal Rubasinge was also present.



An awareness seminar on '*Sarpa Visha Sambashawa*' among the native physicians on snake-bite treatment was held at the Navinna Ayurveda Department recently. Here, snake-bite specialist Daya Gamage gives a lecture on snake-bite. Senior lecturer Dr. Devapriya Abeywardena and lecturers Dr. Manjula Rajakaruna, Dr. K. Manohari and Kethakee Kulapala are also in the picture.

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Health Ministry Additional Secretary Dr. Palitha Mahipala and Mobitel Chief Executive Officer Lalith De Silva shake hands after signing an MoU to carry out an awareness campaign on dengue. Mobitel will raise awareness on dengue through short messages, emails, facebook etc.