

# CPA delegates enjoy a Taste of Paradise

Members of the CPA delegations participating in the 58th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Colombo visited the North, South and the central parts of the country.

The delegation led by CPA General Secretary Dr. William F. Shija visited Jaffna and witnessed the massive development taking place in the Northern Province in the aftermath of

the 30 year terrorist conflict. The delegates met government officials and ordinary masses and were highly impressed with what the government has done to

revive the socio-economic well being of the people in the Northern Province. Another delegation touring the central parts of the country visited the Sri Dalada Maligawa, Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, while the third delegation visited Koggala, including the ancestral home of renowned author Martin Wickremesinghe.

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Paying homage at the Sri Dalada Maligawa



A picture for the album



A CPA delegate takes a picture of another delegate at the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens.



The Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference delegation who toured the North on Thursday was received at the Palali Airport by Minister Douglas Devananda, Jaffna Mayor J Yogeshwari and Security Forces Headquarters Commander, Jaffna, Major General Mahinda Hathurusinghe. The delegates numbering around 55 were from Canada, Barbados, Bangladesh, India and South Africa. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretary - General Dr William F Shija also participated.



Looking for mementos at the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage



Feeding elephants at the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

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Delegates enjoying themselves on their tour of the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage.



An elephant carrying a board to welcome CPA delegates at Pinnawela.



Enjoying a boat ride at Koggala



Delegates savouring a taste of Sri Lankan culture - Kandyan dancers welcoming them at Koggala