

President at Universal Children's Day, World Habitat Day ceremonies

President Mahinda Rajapaksa participated at ceremonies to mark Universal Children's Day and World Habitat Day at Bope Rajasinghe Vidyalaya in Padukka and the Colombo Town Hall grounds respectively yesterday.



The President inspecting the non-formal education unit functioning at the school premises.



Miss Sakya Oshadee Dissanayake, a Grade 2 student of Padukka Arukwatta, Padmaperuma Kanishta Vidyalaya presenting a copy of the book "Thun Iri Appu Saha Kadju Puhulama" authored by her to President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



Students listening to the President's speech.



A new laboratory and three storeyed school building costing Rs 35 million was opened by President Mahinda Rajapaksa at the school premises.

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa presiding over a ceremony to mark World Habitat Day at the Colombo Town Hall grounds yesterday. Construction, Engineering Services Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa Deputy Minister Lasantha Alagiyawanne were present on the occasion.



The flag campaign of the Child Development and Women's Affairs Ministry in view of World Children's Day was launched at Temple Trees yesterday with the first flag being pinned on President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Here, Sanjula Deemath Edirisinghe of St Joseph's College, Nugegoda and Hansi Tharushika Wijesundera of Anula Vidyalaya, Nugegoda pinning the first flag on the President. Children's and Women's Affairs Acting Minister M.L.A.M. Hisbullah, Ministry Secretary Eric Illeperuma were also present.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa being welcomed by scouts on arrival at Bope Rajasinghe Vidyalaya, Padukka to preside at the Universal Children's Day ceremony. Senior Minister Ratnasiri Wickremanayake, Ministers Bandula Gunawardane and Dinesh Gunawardane, Deputy Minister Geethanjana Gunawardane, Western Province Chief Minister Prasanna Ranatunge and Principal Gamini Hettiarachchi were also present.

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