



Anura Dewapura and Blanca



International Monetary Cooperation Senior Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama and German Ambassador Dr. Juergen Morhard. Pictures by Sulochana Gamage



Asoka Hettigoda with Mr. and Mrs. A T Ariyaratne



Ashok Ferrey with wife



Pakistan High Commissioner Seema Ilahi Baloch



British High Commissioner John Rankin



Heinz Reuter



Chandragupta Thenuwara and Dr. Asoka de Zoysa



Mrs. Zimmermann with her children



Anna and Annika



Dr. Janaka and Architect Jeewa

# German Unity Day 2012

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The German embassy in Colombo celebrated the German Unity Day which fell on October 3 with diplomats, ambassadors and other special guests. "The relations between Germany and Sri Lanka are solid in many respects. Being an economically stable country, Germany has always provided its helping hand to develop the Sri Lankan economic agenda. Sri

Lanka emerged as a top class tourist destination in the world mainly because of German tourists. "At the moment about 60,000 German tourists come to Sri Lanka annually which is a huge achievement to accelerate tourism industry", Senior Minister for International Monetary Co-operation Dr. Sarath Amunugama stressed on the significance of the relations between Sri Lanka and Germany. "Not only economically, but also

cultural, social and even political affairs between two countries are fruitful and long lasting. There are number of religious and cultural work done in Sri Lanka with the support of Germany. One of the most significant things they have done is the establishment of German Technical Institute at Katubedda which helps thousands of youths to follow different courses and get employed. They are going to start another one in Kilinochchi, the Sen-

ior Minister noted. The German Unity day is celebrated each year to mark the reunification of East and West Germany. It is highly celebrated in Germany. This year the German Embassy in Colombo featured a choir with students from Jaffna singing together with students from our German language partner schools in Colombo. The students performance was excellent through which the diplomats were impressed.