

COMMUNITY



The people of Maskeliya celebrated the 65th Independence Day in the Ambagamuwa Division, Nuwara Eliya. Maskeliya Muslim Youth Association organized the event. Here, schoolchildren of CP/HZ Samanala Sinhala MV, St Joseph's College and Muslim Tamil Vidyalaya, Maskeliya featuring at the ceremony. Priests of Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Islam religions also participated. *Picture by S Duraisamy, Maskeliya group correspondent*



A certificate awarding ceremony to Dhamma school teachers in Morawak Korale, who completed the Dhamma school teacher training programme was held at the auditorium of Morawak Korale Tea producers' Co-operative society recently. Here, Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha chairman A P Dayananda presents a certificate to a teacher. *Picture by Theja Vidyarupa, Akuressa group correspondent*



Independence Day celebrations were held in Matara with the participation of schoolchildren and government officials. *Picture by A W Gunawardhana, Matara Central Correspondent*



Sixty fifth Independence Day was celebrated at the Al-Hikma Maha Vidyalaya, Kumbukkanthurai recently. Here, Chief Guest A W Asela Ekanayake addressing the gathering. Staff members, SDS members, Religious dignities were also present. *Picture by H A Shakoar, Pathadumbara Special Correspondent*



A progress review meeting on the Deyata Kirula programme in Ampara was held at Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat recently. Here, Information Technology Minister Ranjith Siyambalapatiya addressing the meeting. Parliamentarian for Digamadulla Sriyani Wijevickrama and Eastern Provincial Minister M S Uthumalebbe and Ampara District Secretary Neil De Alwis also participated. *Picture by M S M Haniffa, Oluvil Spl Correspondent*



Heads of four institutions coming under the purview of the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Ministry retired from their posts after completing their tenure of office recently. They are Prof. Kapila Gunasekara, Vice Chancellor Technology University, Dr. Tissa Jinaseena, Chairman, National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority, Gamini Manchanayake, Principal Sri Lanka-German Technical Training Institute and Dr. Chitral Ambawatta, Director Department of Technical education and Training. Here, they are seen with Minister Dullas Alahapperuma at a farewell at the Ministry premises recently.



Sixty-nine-year-old Somadasa Lekamge of Wiyalagodawatta, Eheliyagoda established a record by making 6,147 models of buses. The first imported bus model and the modern luxury bus model are among his creations. Here, Somadasa with models of buses. *Picture by Nimal Wjayatunga Eheliyagoda Special Correspondent*



The annual concert and the Christmas festival of Supipi preschool of Walakumbura, Alawwa was held at the school auditorium recently. Kurunegala District Parliamentarian Shantha Bandara was the chief guest. Here, a child receiving a present from Shantha Bandara. *Picture by A Keerthisinghe, Alawwa special correspondent*



Nawalapitiya Police Rural Civil Defence Committee organized a Shramadana campaign to mark President Mahinda Rajapaksa's birthday and the 2nd term in office. OIC Nawalapitiya Police C I Wijitha Kumara, In-charge of Civil Defence Committees Bandara and a police team, Chairman and Councillors of Pasbage Korale Pradeshiya Sabha, villagers, workers of Nagastenna and Kandal Oya estates and members of civil defence committees participated. Here, the people clearing the Nawalapitiya-Magastenna main road. *Picture by P B Kirindenya-Nawalapitiya group corr*



Deputy Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister Indika Bandaranayake donated Rs 1 million worth preschool equipment to 50 preschools in Kuliyapitiya PS area. Here, Mallika Wickremasekera of Kilinpola Deepthi preschool receives a cupboard from the Deputy Minister. *Picture by H M Abeysinghe, Kuliyapitiya Group Corr*



North Central Provincial Chief Minister Ranjith Samarakoon toured war battered hamlets in the Province to look into the needs of the people of the villages. Here, the Chief Minister meets the people of the Mahawilachchiya area. *Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Correspondent*



The Akkaraipattu Municipal Council donated a computer to Abeeucker Siddeque Arabic College, Akkaraipattu recently. Here, Mayor A. Ahamed Zackie presents the computer to Moulavi M.I. Ajwadh. M.M.M. Rizam, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality and K.L.M. Zarook, Member of the Municipal Council look on. *Picture by I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent*



Agricultural Infrastructure constructed under the Grass-roots Humanitarian Assistance Project of the Japanese Embassy in the Sammanthurai Divisional Secretariat area implemented by Eastern Rehabilitation and Relief Organization was vested with farmers recently. Here, Second Secretary of Economic Cooperation Section of the Embassy of Japan Doi Toyoteru unveils the plaque of a bridge with two openings at Karanga. President of ERRO Lanka S.L.M. Uwaize, Project Officer M.M.M. Basheer and farmer representatives were also present. *Picture by M.A. Phakurdeen - Addalaichenai Group Correspondent*