



Media Spokesman to the President Mohan Samaranayake (right) and ANCL Chairman Bandula Padmakumara



The runway at the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, that can land a A-380 Airbus.



Ground staff, Mattala airport.



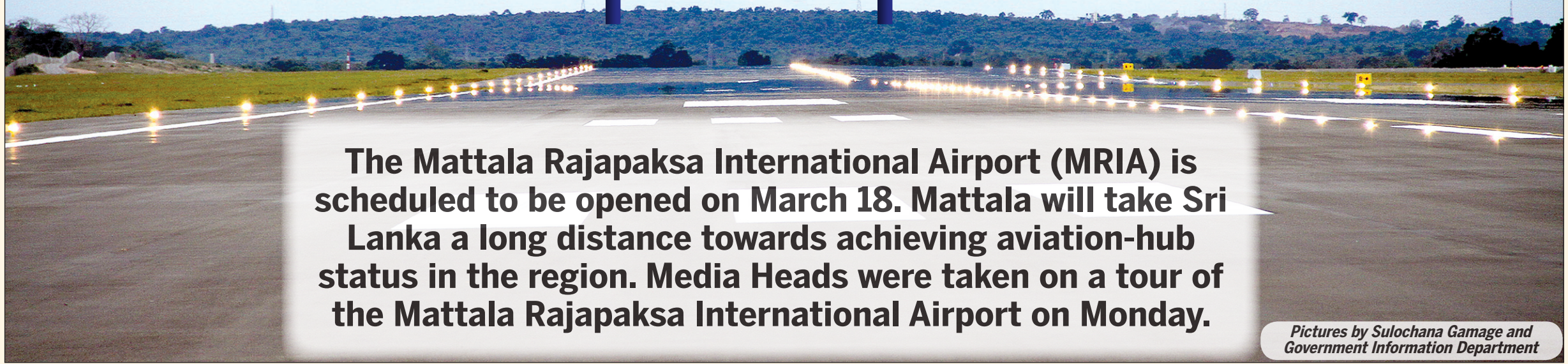
The Immigration section



The plush interior

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- the press preview



The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) is scheduled to be opened on March 18. Mattala will take Sri Lanka a long distance towards achieving aviation-hub status in the region. Media Heads were taken on a tour of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport on Monday.

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Mass Media and Information Ministry Secretary Dr. Charitha Herath, Chairman, Airport and Aviation Services Ltd Sri Lanka Prasanna Wickremesuriya, the first-ever Lady Air Traffic Controller Krishanthi Tissera, and ANCL Chairman Bandula Padmakumara at the launching of a website at the Mattala Airport.



Mass Media and Information Ministry Secretary Dr. Charitha Herath, Government Information Department Director General Prof. Ariyaratne Athugala, Airport and Aviation Services Ltd Chairman Prasanna Wickremesuriya, ANCL Chairman Bandula Padmakumara and other Media Heads



An aerial view of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport



Schoolchildren who had the privilege to visit the airport



A section of the runway



Some of the many facilities being spruced up for the opening