



Minister Dinesh Gunawardena releasing birds. Picture by Mohamed Imithiyaz, Colombo Central Thinakaran

Minister celebrates birthday

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Water Supply and Drainage Minister Dinesh Gunawardena's 64th birthday was celebrated at the ministry recently.

Milk powder distribution to mothers and releasing of birds were carried out by the ministry employees to mark the minister's birthday. Parliamentarian Shirani Wijewickrama, Prof J B Dissanayaka, Secretary A Abeygunasekara, Additional Secretary Sarath Vithana, Maharagama Divisional Secretary Buddh Tharanga and other officials participated.



Corporate and Offshore Deputy General Manager Dayani Fernando handing over a souvenir to a pensioner at Shrama Abhimani 2013 Awards Ceremony organised by the Metropolitan Branch. Assistant General Manager Wasanthi Hettihewa and Chief Manager S Adhikari look on.

YMBA schols for university students

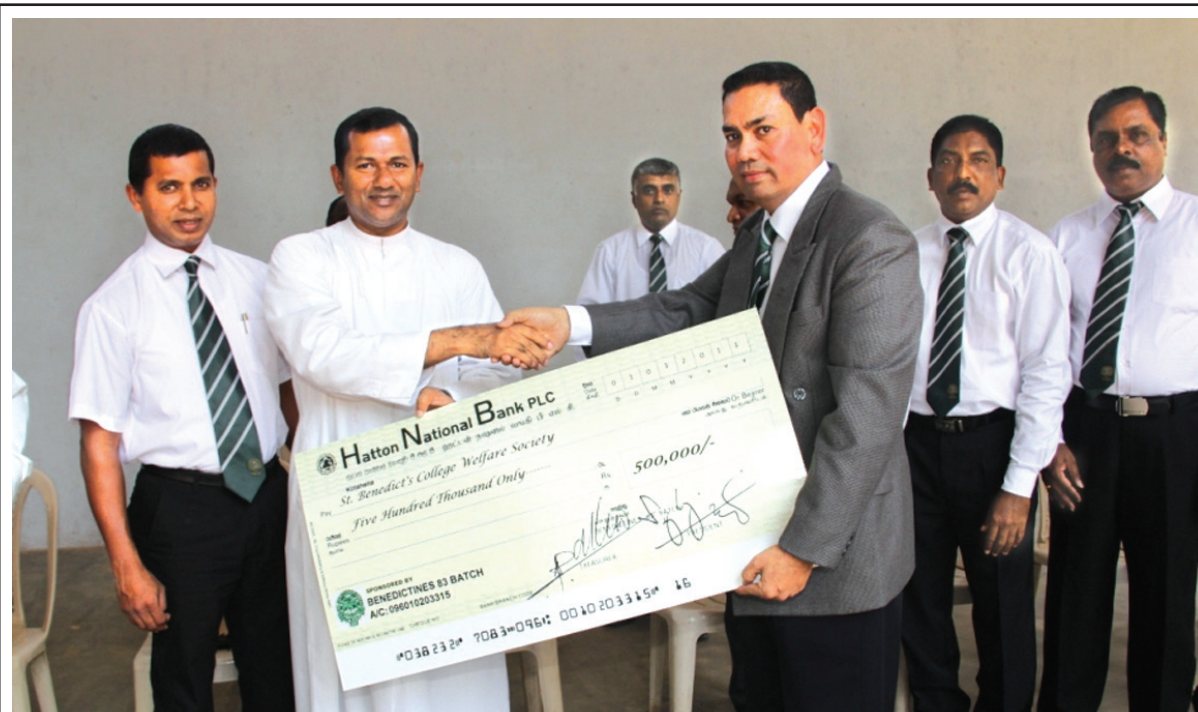
The annual Scholarships Award Ceremony of Colombo YMBA for university students was held on February 9 at the Borella YMBA main hall.

Sabaragamuwa University Vice Chancellor Prof Mahinda S Rupasinghe was the chief guest. The welcome address was delivered by Colombo YMBA Vice President and Trust Fund's Secretary M Ariyaratne. YMBA President Suren Abeygoonasekera addressing the gathering explained the significance of this project and advised recipients to get ready for the challenges in the employment sector in today's competitive world. Prof Rupasinghe said university students should be equipped with a good moral standard and leadership qualities, and be ambitious.

General Secretary Sumedha Amarasinghe proposed the vote of thanks.



An undergraduate receiving the sponsorship cheque from Prof Mahinda S Rupasinghe. YMBA President Suren Abeygoonasekera and M Ariyaratne were also present.



The Batch of 1983 of St Benedict's College presented a cheque of Rs 500,000 to College Director Rev Bro Janaka Fonseka to help build a classroom to mark their 30th anniversary since leaving college. The cheque was presented on March 1 at a college assembly. The building project is undertaken by the Welfare Society of the school.

New Mediator Officer



Al Haj Mahamath Tuan Arifteen is appointed as a Mediator Officer attached to the Colombo Administrative Division of the Colombo District Secretariat.

He is a life member of the Sri Lanka United Malay Organisation (SLUMO) and a Board Member of the Sri Lanka Islamic Centre, Colombo 10.

He is also a social worker.



A student of Thambiluvil Central College, P. Uvenika who won the 1st place in the Eastern Province in Bharatanaatyam, showed her talents in the mobile service programme of the Thirukkuvil Police. Picture by M. M. Ismail, Akkaraipattu spli cor

New JP



Mohamed Masahir Mohamed Fayas took oaths as a Justice of the Peace for the Kalutara Judicial District before Kalutara Additional Direct Judge H M Bharathi Rasajana Wijeratne.

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A felicitation ceremony for elders jointly organised by the Human Rights Commission and the Grandpass Police was held at the Grandpass St Joseph's College premises recently. Here, Human Rights Commissioner Director General Dr N M M Azeem who was the chief guest having a word with an elder after handing over a gift parcel. The programme also included a health camp and a treat to the elders.