



Pugoda Hattton National Bank Branch awarded 12 porcelain dinner sets to its customers, winners at the HNB Pathum Vimana - 2012 raffle draw recently. Here the HNB grater Colombo zone Chief Manager Rohan Warnakulasuriya hands over a dinner set to a winner. Branch manager B. Vipula Semaratne was also present. *Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana group correspondent*



The new official websites of Shrama Vasana Fund and National Institute of safety and health at Narahenpita, was launched by Gamini Lokuge, Minister of Labour and Labour Relations. Picture shows Minister launching the website. Shrama Vasana Fund Board was established under the Shrama Vasana Fund Act No. 12 of 1998, with objectives of providing funds for the welfare of the employees and to make necessary arrangements for that purpose and on matters related. Shrama Vasana Fund Board has been awarding scholarships for children of employees who had died or faced fatal accidents while engaged in service, liaise with Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training Authority. Its Annual Report and a five years corporate plan were submitted to the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations by D R Jayalath, General Manager of Shrama Vasana Fund at this website launching ceremony. This website could be accessed through www.svf.gov.lk. A large gathering including W J L U Wijayaweera, Secretary to Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations and Herath Yapa, Additional Secretary to MoL, Dr N C Amerasingha, Director General to NIOSH, D R Jayalath, General Manager to SVF and representative of ILO office in Sri Lanka were present.



The 225th new branch of the National Savings Bank was opened at Pugoda town recently. Here, the NSB Bank working Director Sumanadasa Abeygunawardhana accepts the first deposit from chief guest Dompe SLFP Chief Organizer Western Provincial Council Member, NSB Bank former Chairman Upali Gunaratne. *Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana group correspondent*



The Bank of Ceylon Trincomalee Area Office donated a gift to a 'Mega Vazi' raffle draw winners of the Trincomalee District, held at the Area Office, Trincomalee recently. Here, the chief guest Trincomalee Area Manager A M Zubair hands over the cheque to the winner. *Picture by I L M Rizan, Addalalaichenai Central Correspondent*



Avurudu Kumari contest organized by the Pugoda South Asia Textile Private Company was held at the company premises recently. Here the winner of the contest Piumi Sithara (centre), with Nadira Thattharani (first runner-up-left) and Sarani Saphthika (second runner-up-right). *Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana group correspondent*



The 124th fish sales centre of the Fisheries Corporation was opened at Kirindiwala town by the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development Acting Minister Sarath Kumara Gunaratne recently. Here the Dompe SLFP Chief Organizer Western Provincial Council Member Upali Gunaratne makes the first purchase. Fisheries Corporation Managing Director Ruwan Lankeshwara was also present. *Mahanama Vithanage, Malwana group correspondent*



A five day workshop organized by the Bank of Ceylon, Eastern Province Office at Sainsai Hotel, Trincomalee for newly appointed officers of the BOC held recently. Here, the Trincomalee Area Manager A M Zubair lighting the oil lamp at the inaugural session. Asst General Manager, Eastern Province K P Ananda Nadesan, Operation Manager T A Gamini Theasingha, Ampara Area Manager Priyanda Kumara and Batticaloa Area Manager S Prabarakan also in the picture. *Picture by I L M Rizan, Addalalaichenai Central Correspondent*

Speed Water in Katukurunda

Speed Water Systems, a leading Sri Lankan company which produces purified bottled drinking water on par with international standards, is continuing to open 'Speed Water Shops' in all key towns in Sri Lanka under the company's inspiring slogan "To make purified water more affordable and available to all". The newest 'Speed Water Shop' under this initiative was established at Katukurunda recently.

Expressing his views in this regard, Nishantha Delgoda, Managing Director, Speed Water Systems (Pvt) Ltd., says: "During the past few years, we have witnessed significant development with Sri Lanka's Southern Province as the base. The Colombo-Galle Expressway and the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport occupy a key place in this development drive in the South.

"In line with this enormous development initiative of the government, Speed Water has expanded its network of sales outlets in the Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts in the Southern Province.

"The primary objective of opening these new Speed Water sales outlets is to give an opportunity to both local and foreign tourists using the Colombo-Galle Expressway to purchase purified natural bottled water at a special concessionary price directly from the manufacturer.

"Accordingly, those using the Expressway as well as residents can now purchase their requirements of Speed Water from the newly-opened Katukurunda outlet in 500ml, 1000ml, 1500ml, 5 litre small bottles and 19 litre large bottles in the required quantities along with Dispensers.



Katukurunda 'Speed Water Shop'



BOC staff celebrated International Womens day recently, at the Head Office, Personal Branch premises. Ms Tharanga Sandamali Pieris conducted a beauty culture programme. Ms Iroshini Kausalya, Deputy General Manager, Corporate and Offshore Banking, Ms Dayani Fernando, Assistant General Manager, Western Province North, Keerthi Rathnasinghe, Senior Area Manager, Western Province North, Ms Thamara Nanayakkara, Senior Manager Personal Branch, Ms Kalyani Fernando customers and staff members participated.



Bank of Ceylon Addalalaichenai branch presented gifts to customers to mark Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2013 under the guidance of K.P. Ananda Nadesan Asst. General Manager, Eastern Province recently. Here, Branch Manager, Ampara Priyanta Kumara hands over a gift to an account holder of 'Run Kekulu'. *Picture by I L M Rizan, Addalalaichenai Central Correspondent*



The Bank of Ceylon Akkaraipattu branch celebrated Sinhala and Tamil New Year. Here, the Branch Manager M.I.M. Haniffa is seen accepting the deposit from a customer. Bank Officer A.R.M. Thawfeek is also in picture. *Picture by I L M Rizan, Addalalaichenai Central Correspondent*



The education centre HEDS International was declared open at Hallaj Building, Main Street, Akkaraipattu Municipality, A. Ahamed Zackie, graced the occasion. The ceremony was presided over by Managing Director of the HEDS International and Asst. Director of Education, M. M. A. Wahid. *Picture by I L M Rizan, Addalalaichenai Central Correspondent*

Chinese bank ICBC tops Forbes Global 2000 list

Chinese bank ICBC knocked US oil giant ExxonMobil from its perch as the world's biggest public company ranking number-one for the first time on the Forbes Global 2000 list. Underscoring the power move by Chinese companies to top global rankings, China Construction Bank leaped 11 spots from last year to the number-two spot on the Forbes list of the world's largest public companies.

"This year's list again reveals the dynamism of global business," said Scott DeCarlo, the list editor.

Forbes said that ICBC- The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China - and CCB were bumped higher in the ranks by double-digit growth in both sales and profits in 2012, although annual profit growth for both banks was the slowest rate since they went public.

ICBC brought in \$37.8 billion in profits on \$2.8 trillion in assets last year, while CCB earned \$30.6 billion on \$2.2 trillion in assets. "Most analysts don't expect a banking crisis in China, but rising defaults and shrinking loan profitability are serious threats to the country's banking system," Forbes said. *AFP*