



Ven. Kavdhaja Thera inaugurated the Mappya Upahara ceremony at Asoka Maha Vidyalaya Perimiyakulama, Anuradhapura. Here a section of the children and parents that participated. Pictures by Walter Dayaratne, Anuradhapura Dist. Spl. Corr.



The monthly get-together and business dialogue of the Small and Medium Enterprise Union was held at the Ceylon Continental Hotel under the patronage of Urban and Sacred Area Development Minister Dinesh Gunawardena. Here Union Secretary Renuka Rodrigo presents membership of the union Minister Dinesh Gunawardena. Union Chairperson Kosal Wickramanayake was also present. Picture by Wehelle Piyathilake Maharagama special correspondent



The 45th anniversary celebrations of the All Ceylon Muslim Educational Conference was held at the Sasakawa conference Hall, Colombo. Here Fathima Samvera of Mahmud Ladies College, Kalumnaal who won first place in the Essay Competition receiving her certificate from chief guest Constitutional Affairs and National Integration Minister D.E.W. Gunesekera. Presidential Advisor A.H.M. Azwer, Educational Conference Chairman Dr. A.G. Husain Ismail, Harcourt's Foundation Chairman Ahmed Rheyas and Ibrahim Farook are also in the picture. Picture by Ruzak Farook



Students of St. Clare's College, Colombo 6, who excelled at the Grade Five Scholarship examination. Standing: Abishaya Paralasingam, Franka Darini Prabakaran, Harshani Stanly, Ushalini, Sathiyannathan, Saumica Purusothaman, Heshayini Kuganesharan, and Noori Rahmath Mohamed Jafurka. Seated: Teacher-in-charge T. Thayannadan, Vice Principal Tamil medum V. Amirthalingam, Principal G.G. Abeywickramasinghe, Vice Principal Primary E.P.C. Asoka and Primary Sectional Head M. Veri.



British High Commissioner Dr. Peter Hayes was in Galle to view projects in the area funded by the British Government. He also visited the Kithulampitiya Ruhunu Children's Home on an invitation by Southern Province Governor Kumari Balasuriya to observe the maintenance of the place. Here Dr. Hayes in association with the Governor view a dance performance by inmates of the Children's Home. Probation and Child Care Service Commissioner Purinima Abeyserigunawardana and P.H.R.D. Perera of the Commissioners Department were also present. Picture by D.C. de Silva, Kahawa Special Correspondent

Gayal represents Lanka in Uganda

Assistant Headquarters Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association Gayal Rupasinghe will represent Sri Lanka Scout Association as the official delegate to the 3rd World Scout Interreligious Symposium this month in Kampala, Uganda.



Gayal Rupasinghe

The World Scout Interreligious Symposium (WSIS) is the third biggest world scout event organized once every three years. The first WSIS was held in Spain in 2003 while the second was held in 2006 in China. This Symposium brings together over 200 delegates from 160 countries to experience, share and dialogue. The theme of the symposium is "Solidarity, Reflection and Celebration for Peace". Gayal is a President's Scout and a life member of Sri Lanka Queen's and President's Scouts Guild. He is an old boy of D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo.



The Choir Concert "Voce Cantabile" organized by the Choristers of St. Lawrence's Convent, Colombo 6 with the participation of students of St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo 7, St. Peter's College, Colombo 4, St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10 and St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa will be staged at the BMICH on November 3 at 6.00 p.m. This is an evening of Choral Excellence. Nearly 25 songs will be sung by the choristers, which are religious, classical and popular songs.



Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry Secretary D. Dissanayake, who was the chief guest at the "Dedicated Devoted and duty minded" government servants attached to the Pasbage Koralie Divisional Secretariat Felicitation ceremony receives a memento from Kandy Additional District Secretary Kumudu Karunanayake. Picture by P.B. Kirindiyana Nawalapitiya group corr.



A children's walk organised by the Reader's Club of the Peliyagoda Urban Council was held at Peliyagoda in connection with World children's Day. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe Kelaniya group correspondent



Students of the National Bahai Centre along with children of the Rehabilitation Centre for the Communication Impaired (RCI) celebrated World Children's Day recently at the National Bahai Centre, Colombo 05. The morning was a celebration of all children regardless of their ethnic backgrounds, religious or physical abilities and this was clearly demonstrated by the beautiful musical and dance events that were showcased. Here a section of the children who participated at the event.



The annual research session 2009 of the Jaffna University Vavuniya Campus was held at the Royal Garden Hall, Gammuina Grant Commission Chairman Prof. Gaminni Samaranyake was the Chief Guest. He was welcomed by Jaffna University Vice Chancellor Prof. N. Shanmugalingam. Rector of Vavuniya campus N. Nandakumar was also present. Picture by T. Vivekanasa, Vavuniya Spl. Corr.



SIP Academy Lanka Pvt Ltd. founder Kelvin Tham, Education Department Additional Secretary, Mohomed Thamby, Managing Director Dinesh Victor and Head of Operation Rishard Raheem participate at the SIP Academy's fifth National ABACUS and Mental Arithmetic competition held at St. Joseph's College auditorium in Colombo recently.



Hemal Wimalasundera

Graduates with honours

Hemal Lasan Wimalasundera, a product of Ananda College, Colombole recently Graduated with Bsc. Hons. in Information Systems with A Class from Sunway University, Malaysia. He is presently studying for his Masters at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.



A ceremony was held by donors and members of the Matara YMBA to release two cows from the slaughter house on Binara Poya day to bestow merit on the Nation, the Armed Forces and the President - Here a volunteer accepts a cow. Picture by A.W. Gunawardhana



Montessori children attached to pre-schools in the Nachchaduwa, Wilachchya, Rambawa and Noochiyagama areas celebrated 'Universal Children's Day' at the Prison Grounds in Anuradhapura recently. Picture by Hidigama Group