

COMMUNITY



Prisoners' Welfare Association Chairman Sam Wijesinghe presents an award to W. Peiris Singho who won first place in the poems category in the (Essays and Poems) contest organized to mark the 12th National Prisoners' Day celebrations held recently. Justice and Law Reforms Minister Milinda Morogoda and Media Secretary to the Mohanlal Gero Foundation Janitha Dissanayake were also present. *Picture by Wehelle Piyatike, Maharagama Special Corr.*



Construction activities of the new Walahapitiya bridge in the Nattandiya electorate costing Rs. 40 million is nearing completion and will be declared open by Highways Minister T.B. Ekanayake shortly. This 60 foot long and 30 foot wide bridge built by the Highways Ministry will solve the transportation problem of nearly 10,000 people in the Muttibandiwiwa, Medagoda, Wetugahamulla and Yatakalawa villages in the electorate. On right is the old dilapidated bridge which is nearly 100 years old. *Picture by Antony Fernando, Puttalam District Roving*



Members of the Vavuniya Traders' Association were issued Identity cards at the Suthanantha Hindu Association hall in Vavuniya. Here a trader S. Palanivel receiving his identity card from Vavuniya UC Chairman S. N. G. Nattan. Traders' Association Vice President K. Rasalingam and Suthanantha Hindu Association President N. Senathirajah were also present. *Picture by T. Vivekanasa, Vavuniya Spl. Corr.*



Lady teachers attached to several schools in the Matara District donating blood at a mass blood donation campaign at the old Holand-Market Building in Nupe, Matara recently. *Picture by A. W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Correspondent*



The Bulathsinhala 2009 Sahithya Uela organized by the Bulathsinhala Pradeshiya Sabha was held recently at the Bulathsinhala Auditorium. Picture shows WP Commissioner of Local Government W. Sumanapala presenting a gift to the winner of senior art competition Virangi Lakshi. *Picture by Milton Dharmasinghe, Our Bulathsinhala Spl. Corr.*



Poppy Day at Negombo was commemorated with the first Poppy flower pinned on Negombo Mayor Bernard Kurera by the wife of Navy officer Matilda Bansu Jayah. Organizer of the event, ex-Navy Officer Bernard Witharana is also in the picture. *Picture by H. Fernando, Negombo Special Corr.*



A Kathamul Quran commemorative meeting in memory of former Ambassador of Sri Lanka in Saudi Arabia Alhaj A.A.M. Marleen PC, was organized by the Moor's Islamic Cultural Home at Lily Avenue, Colombo recently. Here participants Shihan Marleen, P.C Justice Al Haj Saleem Marsoof PC, Al Haj Faiz Musthafa, PC Sajima Ismail and out going Egyptian Ambassador Gibhan Amiri. *Picture by H.A. Shakoor, Pathahumbura Special Correspondent*