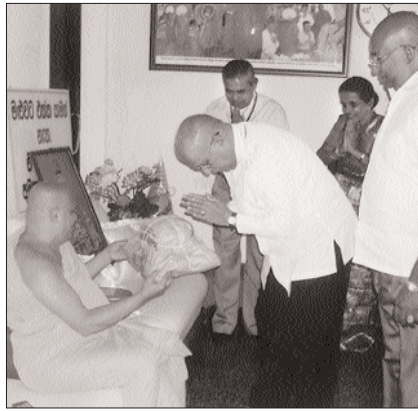


# COMMUNITY



The 47 world conference of the medical officers union of the International Open University of Alternative Medicine was held at the BMICH, Colombo under the patronage of First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa recently. Here Consultant Editor, ANCL astrological weekly *Subasetha* Piyasena Rathuwana being conferred a doctorate by the First Lady at the awards ceremony which followed.



Parliamentary Affairs Minister M.H. Mohamed called on Chief Incumbent Professor Pallegama Sirinivasa Thera of the North Central Province.

## Office-bearers

### Federation of Bank Officers of Sri Lanka

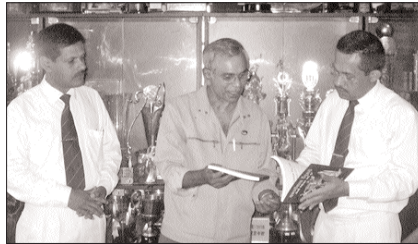
President: Jinadasa K. Gamage (Bank of Ceylon), Secretary: E. Eshwardingham (National Savings Bank), Treasurer: L. A. K. Jayawardane (Bank of Ceylon), Vice Presidents: Jayantha Newbolla (People's Bank), Ajith Premaratne (Bank of Ceylon) and N. W. Ratnayake (National Savings Bank), Assistant Secretary - S. A. R. S. Samaraweera (People's Bank), Assistant Treasurer - S. A. A. Battawandura (National Savings Bank).  
Exco members: W. G. Ariyaratne (Bank of Ceylon), Upul Wijegunawardane (Bank of Ceylon), T. A. Ariyapala (People's Bank), Sunil Wanniarachchi (People's Bank), R. C. Gouarante (National Savings Bank) and A.C. Gamage (National Savings Bank).

### Sri Lanka-Republic of Korea Association

Sri Lanka-Republic of Korea Association office-bearers for 2008/2010. Patron: Republic of Korea Ambassador Choi Ki Chul; Vice Patrons: Deshabandu Karu Jayasuriya, Muni Kundannal and Alfred Edirisinghe; President: Ranjith Weerasena; Immediate Past President: Dr. D. W. Weerasuriya; Vice Presidents: Senevi de Silva, Prof. Daya Edirisinghe, Clarence Welikala and Savitri Ratnayaka; Secretary: Hila Abdulla; Assistant Secretary: Faiz Ismail; Treasurer: Asoka Weerasakara. Committee members: R. Ratnapala, Bernard Wijethunge, B. G. Jirasinghe, Uditha Palihakkara, Padmini Pilapitiya, Robert Perera, Samana Liyavage, Edward Ahangama, Dr. V. Corea, W. Wijeguneratne, Cyril Anthony and Rajiv Walpita.



The annual gold awards ceremony of appreciating the service of employees of the Pulmudal State Mineral Sands Company was held at the Industrial Development Ministry auditorium under the patronage of Minister Kumara Welgama. Here an employee who won a gold medal receiving her award from the Minister. Mineral Sands Company Chairman Shashi Welgama was also present.



Astronomer Anura C. Perera has gifted two of his books on astronomy to his Alma mater Nalanda College, Colombo. He handed over the gift to Nalanda Principal Hemantha U. Premathilleke at the Astronomy Day Celebrations held at the school premises recently. Deputy Principal Sarath Gunatilleka was also present.



A felicitation ceremony for Highland sales agents was held under the patronage of Livestock Development Minister C.B. Ratnayake at Waters Edge, Battaramulla recently. Here the Minister with the sales agents who were felicitated. Picture by Aruna Ponnambam, Kotagala group corr.



A website was opened by Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services Minister Maitthreepala Sirisena at the inaugural ceremony of the Jathika Pilisaru Balakaya at the Youth Theatre Maharagama recently. Environment and Natural Resources Minister Pataki Champika Ranawaka was also present. The website is www.pilisaru.lk. - Picture by Weheli Piyathilaka, Maharagama special correspondent



US Ambassador Patricia A. Butenis paid a courtesy call on Eastern Province Governor Mohan Wijewickrama at the Governor's Residence in Trincomalee. USAID Director Rebecca Cohan was also present.



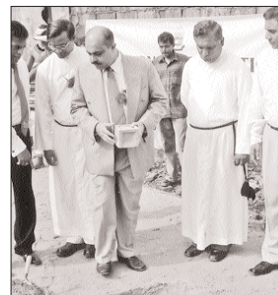
Vidala Institute held a ceremony held at the Korallapatu West Divisional Secretariat recently. Here Disaster Relief Services Minister Ameer Ali presents a memento to Science and Technology Minister Prof Tissa Vitharana. Divisional Secretary S. Hilmy was also present. Picture by Ruzak Farook



Abrar Jumma Mosque, Maradana, Beruwala celebrated its 142nd Mahakib Thamam Majlis at the mosque recently. Picture B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala spl. corr.



The Gami Dissanayake Foundation in collaboration with the Child Fund extended a helping hand to plantation community school leavers. The project was started at the Gami Dissanayake Institute of Technology and Vocational Studies in Nuwara-Eliya, under the patronage of Gami Dissanayake Foundation Director, Minister Navin Dissanayake. Child Fund Country Representative Guru Nike, GDITVS Registrar Harold Dalpathado and Child Fund District Manager Saman Hettiarachchi were also present. Under this project vocational training will be provided to plantation sector youth on hospitality, industry, information technology and electronics.



The Old Boys Association of Maris Stella College, Negombo initiated a project to establish an activity centre for the benefit of Maristians. This activity centre is being constructed on a 14 perch block of land adjoining the college premises and is estimated to cost Rs 30 million. The foundation stone for this project was laid by Maris Stella College Old Boys Association President Ajith Weerasinghe. Project Organiser Pradeep Peiris, Superior Marist Brothers Rev Bro Sunanda Alwis, Principal Rev Bro Mervyn Perera and Co-Chairman and Consultant Architect Suranjan Ranasinghe were also present. Picture by H. Fernando, Negombo special corr



Students of the Diyakalamulla Sripathi Royal College who obtained top marks at the Year 5 scholarship examination with Teacher Dayadari Jayasinghe and Principal Hemapala Kumarasinghe. They were awarded a five day tour in India under a program sponsored by Kullyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha member Manoj Premaratna. Picture H.M. Abeyasinghe, Kullyapitiya group corr.



Students of Madina Central College, Madawala Bazaar in Pathadumbara in the Wattigama Educational Zone who passed this year's Grade 5 Scholarship Examination with subjects teachers A.S. Raiza Haniff, A.K.S. Rizana, R. Krishanthi, M.Z.U. Hidayah (Sectional Principal), H.M. Marikkar, S. Sudharshan and Fahira Hanoon. Picture by H.A. Shakoor Pathadumbara special correspondent



Baddegama Christ Church Girls College came first in the short drama context held at Nanel Mini Theatre at Borella organized by the National Science Foundation recently. Here Principal C.G.C. Padmakumari Nanayakkara, Deputy Principal Sunethra P. Jayaratna, Director and script writer Pradijika Sandamale Pathirana with the winning team after receiving the award. Picture by Somadasa Abeywickrama Baddegama group correspondent