



The refurbished peripheral unit of the Ambalantota Hospital in the Hambantota district was handed over recently. The project, initiated by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) and funded by the Australian Red Cross, included construction of two new wards for males and children, an administrative block, Doctor's quarter, a new kitchen, renovation of five existing wards and OPD section and provision of equipment. The Australian Red Cross spent over Rs.100 million for this project. Here Chief Guest Ports, Aviation and Irrigation and Water Management Minister Chamal Rajapaksa unveils the plaque at the opening ceremony. SLRCS Vice President Baharata Janikula Hewa and IFRC-acting Head of Delegation Barry Armstrong were also present.



Sri Lanka Ambassador in Germany T.B. Maduwegedera handing over a cash donation to Transport Minister Dullas Alahapperuma as a contribution towards the Ministry's Uthuru Mithuru program.



The Ayagama, Kalmudiriya electrification scheme constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 million under the Lighting Ratnapura Project was commissioned by Power and Energy Minister W.D.J. Sewewiratne recently. Provincial Council, Roads Development and Tourism Minister Janaka Wakkumbura and Provincial Council Member Mahesh Wiswijth were also present.



Uva Province Chief Minister Shasendra Kumara Rajapaksa at the Okkampitiya Maha Vidyalaya library during an inspection tour of the school recently. - Picture by Ananda Hapugoda. Bandara/ella group corr.



Local Government and Provincial Councils Minister Janaka Bandara Tennekoon handed over a house constructed by the Housing Development Authority to war hero Niroshan Tharanga Kumarasinghe who lost both eyes following an LTTE mortar attack in Butthala. His wife Udayangani, Galewela Pradeshiya Sabha Member M.G. Dissanayake, Matale Housing Development Authority Manager Jayantha Wilgama, Deputy Manager Lakwijaya Sagara Palasoorya and Divisional Secretary Galewela Wasantha Vanninayake were also present.



From left: D.M. Chamath (Janadhipathi Vidyalaya, Maharagama), Hasitha Jayasanka Sirimanna (Ananda Sasstralaya, Kotte), D.C. Jayasiri Peiris (Guardian) and B. Budhini Kandiya Perera (Bomiriya South) who will represent Sri Lanka in Japan.

Off to Japan

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Three students were selected to represent Sri Lanka at the International forum of Green Cross Organization in Japan.

The students were selected at an oratorical contest organized by Green Cross Sri Lanka among Colombo district schools.

Five thousand six hundred students participated in the contest themed 'Save the environment and save the world'. An environment friendly teacher who regularly engages in Green Cross Sri Lanka programs, D.C. Jayasiri Peiris, Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa was selected as the children's guardian. The group will leave The Island on December 10.



The Computer Centre at Sri Dheerananda MMV, Pilimalawa, Kandy was opened by Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa. Here the Governor with Principal Chandrakanti Karunanyake and teacher in charge of the Computer Centre Priyani Gopallawa. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera Kandy sports special correspondent



The Pragna Study Circle, Dehiwala for the fifth consecutive year donated books, magazines and periodicals to school libraries in the Dehiwala area to coincide with the National Reading Month. Here Pragna Study Circle President A. Godwin de Alwis presenting a gift of books to Presbyterian Girl's National School Dehiwala Principal T.C.A. Ruberu. Secretary Nalin Jayantha Perera and Coordinating Officers Jayasena Warnapura and Indraratne Peiris were also present.

Women Lawyers' Assn President

The Sri Lanka Women Lawyers' Association re-elected Attorney-at-Law Chathurika Wijesinghe as the President for the year 2009-2010 at its annual meeting. Wijesinghe is the Managing Partner of M/S Wijesinghe Associates and wife of late Bandula Wijesinghe, a Former Secretary of Bar Association of Sri Lanka and daughter of late Major General L.G. Sigera. She was the Vice-President of Sri Lanka Women Lawyers' Association for 14 years until she was appointed President in 2008.



Committee Members: Pushpa Rupasinghe, Berney De Alwis, Ranjani Mendis, Kanchara Marasinghe, Vypanthi Senarathne, Biyanka Jayasooriya, Erandathi Kuruppu, Peamuditha Senarathne, Anna de Almeida, Anusha Ranasinghe, Sithara Meemana, Shanika De Silva, Nilani Manothunga, Juliana Koswaththa and Yassari Kuruppu Nanayakkara. **Patron:** Kumudini Wickramasinghe and Malika Premathilake. **Past Presidents:** Seetha Wijewardane, Pushpa Nanayakkara, Padma de Silva, Chintamani Balalle and Indra Samarasinghe.

Sri Lanka Women Lawyers' Association Committee President: Chathurika Wijesinghe **Vice President:** Yamuna Gunasekara and Ridimika Dep. **Secretary:** Nadeera Boga hadeniya **Assistant Secretary:** Jayanka Kahawewithana **Treasurer:** Sandya Thaldawa **Assistant Treasurer:** Imali Weerasinghe



The new Samurdhi and Agricultural Research office building at Sagaragama, Nattandiya which was opened by Skills Development Minister Dayashritha Tissera recently. (Picture by Puttaram District Roving Corr.)



The Western Band of Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy was placed first among all Girls Schools at the Annual Assessment Camp organized by the National Cadet Corps in Rantambe recently. Picture by Upananda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent



The White Coat ceremony of the Peradeniya University Medical Faculty was held at the faculty premises under the patronage of Prof. Rizvi Sherifdeen recently. Here Kandy DMO Dr. Savindra Gamage draping a medical student with a White Coat during the ceremony. Picture by Udani Rajapaksa

A batch of 97 persons trained at the Ratmalana Railway-German Training Institute who had served in the Railway Department for nearly three and half years received appointment letters as Railway Technicians from GMR P.P. Wijesekera at a ceremony at the Maradana Railway Auditorium recently. Here an appointee receiving his appointment letter from Wijesekera. (Left): A Grade II Station Master who was promoted to Grade One also received his appointment letter at this ceremony.



A US Humanitarian Organisation called Humpty Dumpty has donated a stock of school uniform materials and sanitaryware valued at nearly Rs. 34.5 million for distribution among IDP students in the Vavuniya welfare villages. The stock was handed over to Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development Ministry Secretary W.K.K. Kumarasiri by Humpty Dumpty Organisation special representative Scott Biggs at the Ministry recently.



A ceremony was held at the People's Bank Ahangama branch to felicitate and award gifts to the heads of pre-schools in the Ahangama area. The felicitation was held to evaluate the services rendered by the heads of pre-schools in directing the children for the Isuru Udana Children's Accounts. Here Galle District People's Bank Assistant Manager M.K. Dharmapala presenting a gift to a head of a pre-school. People's Bank Ahangama Branch Manager Hema Thilakaratna was also present. Picture by Sumathipala Deegapalage Southern Province Roving Correspondent

All-Island One-Act drama competition

The Institute of Western Music organized an All-Island One-Act Drama Competition and the finals will be held on November 29 at the British School Auditorium at 5 p.m.

The participating teams for the finals are Leeds International School-Panadura, Gateway College, Kandy, Kaleyia Junior School and Lyceum International School-Nugegoda. The following award winners were chosen at the Semi-Finals: **Junior Category:** Best Actor - Ahmed Zaki - Gateway College, Kandy. **Runner up** - Ransika de Silva - Leeds International School, Panadura. **Best actress** - Hiruni Siriwardena - Leeds Inter-

national School, Panadura - Y. M. Lankangani Yapa - Kaleyia Junior School. **Runner up** - Deborah A. Rajadurai - Gateway College, Kandy. **Open Category:** Best actor - Luke Suri - Leeds International School - Panadura. **Runner up** - Stefan Jaro - Lyceum International School - Nugegoda. - Ashan Marambe - Lyceum International School, Nugegoda. **Best actress** - Rachel Anjali Rajadurai - Gateway College, Kandy. **Runner up** - Irudini Smith - Gateway College, Kandy - Dewindi Thathsarani Natasiri - Ceylino Russas - Ambalangoda.