



Urban Development and Sacred Area Development Minister Dinesh Gunawardena recently declared Bentota town as an Urban Development area. Here the Minister signs the document of the declaration in the presence of Ven. Bentota Asagi Thera. Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Jackson Kottahachchi, Urban Development Authority Deputy Director General Indu Weerasooriya and Bentota-Elpitiya SLPF Organizer Noel Padmasiri were also present.



Sherine Silva was appointed as a Senior Prefect of Mahamaya College, Kandy for the year 2010. She is an outstanding sports woman and a bright student. Here Mahamaya Principal Mrs. Indrani Withanachchi pinning the Senior Prefect badge on Sherine Silva. *Picture by Upamanda Jayasundera-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent*



An alms-giving to 25 Buddhist monks was held at Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo on January 15, in memory of the school's first Principal Deshabandu Dr. Wimala de Silva and other deceased teachers and also to invoke blessings on the present Principal and students. Here Principal Pradeepa Samarasinghe, Deputy Principal Subhashini Dematagoda and Assistant Principal Swarna Illeperuma offering *Ala Pirikara* to Ven Dimityaw Amarawansa, Devahandiye Pagnasekera and Ven. Boralle Athula Theras. *Picture by Saman Sri Wedage*



Livestock Development Minister C. B. Ratnayake and Water Supply Minister ALM Athallah distributing leaflets in support of President Mahinda Rajapaksa at Hanguranketha. *Picture by Kotagala Group Corr. Aruna Ponnampalam.*



The Annual Leaving ceremony of the House of English Pre-School at Addalaichenai was held at the Addalaichenai National College of Education Auditorium recently. Here M. R. Samri Ahmed receiving a certificate from Addalaichenai Divisional Education Officer NKM Ibrahim. *Picture by I. L. M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Correspondent*



Members of the Girl Guide team of Christ Church Girls College, Baddegama who emerged Runners-up in the 'Sangamiththa Challenge Trophy' competition held at Eranela Hill, Akuressa recently with Baddegama Division with Girl Guides Commissioner Y.N. Malavarachchi, Girl Guides Commissioner Elpitiya Zone W.K. Anula Jayanthi, School Principal Hemakumari Nanayakkara and Deputy Principal Sunethra P. Jayarathna. *Picture by Somadasa Abejwickrama, Baddegama Group Correspondent*



Children of Sarana Pre-school, Kalubowitiyana in the Morawaka area performing a dance at the annual concert held at Ihala Kalubowitiyana Community Hall recently. *Picture by Theja Vidyanupa, Akuressa Group Correspondent*



Beruwala Divisional Secretary Wimal Kulathunga hands over a gift parcel to a child of Sarada pre-school at a ceremony held at Viharakanda, Payagala recently. *Picture by B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Corr.*



President Mahinda Rajapaksa's policy is to develop education and knowledge of students to the optimum level in the next few years and it was our duty to support the President to achieve this objective, said SLPF Colombo District organizer Ajmal Mowjood at a function held to distribute free books and educational material to school children opposite the Samagi Sports Club, Maligawatta, Colombo recently. Here a student of St Anthony's College, Colombo, Akshita Tusimi receiving her gift of books from Mowjood. *Picture by Sudath Nishantha*



Ikra International School, Panadura held its annual prize giving at the Ummul Maleeha Auditorium recently. Here (right) Imran Naleer (Director, Micro Finance), Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Sri Lanka Mahmoud Rahimi Gorji, Salman Mueen (Director Ikra), Dr. Ilyas and A. R. M. Jifry (Principal, Jeelan Muslim Maha Vidyalaya) at listen to the welcome song by students. *Picture by Rizulik Farook*



Dehiwala Housewives' Welfare Society President Lohini Ramanayake accompanying chief guest Ruwanthi Fernando at a function organized by them at the Zandriya Reception Hall, Mount Lavinia recently. *Picture by Geetha De Mel*

