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WATER & SANITATION FOR 120 FAMILIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT



The National Council of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka (NCYSL), with the support of Polish Government is to build 15 wells and 120 latrines in the Eastern Region for communities

lacking water and sanitation facilities, under the project "Community Water and Sanitation Development Programme". An MOU on the project was signed between the Polish Government and the NCYSL. Mr. Janusz Impert, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy in New Delhi signed on behalf of Government of Poland. Prior to this Mr. Impert visited project locations in East; Kurunkalaycholai in Valaichenai and Mandur coming under Batticaloa District.

Many families in these areas have to walk long distances to collect drinking water. In some places water is collected from holes dug on the ground to be used for drinking purposes which is highly unhygienic. This project is expected to ease the water shortage and improve the sanitary conditions of more than 120 families.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILL FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

NCY SL partnered with ICTA (Information & Communication Technology Agency) to promote English Language Skills for schooling and non schooling children and youth. The project titled "English Language Skills for underprivileged students and youth" commenced in August will be implemented with the YMCAs in Jaffna, Point Pedro, Navaly and Uduvil.

The ICTA will support the programme for 3 months with electronic software, computers, and funds for instructors. Thereafter the programme will be continued by the stake holders.

The picture shows officials from, ICTA and the NCY handing over the agreement. .



ECOT REVIEW WORKSHOP IN COLOMBO

Ecumenical Coalition on Tourism (ECOT) conducted a "Lessons Learnt Workshop" to review last year's ECOT Programmes and to plan out future programmes during 10th to 11th Sep 09 at the YMCA International Hotel, Kurana. YMCA conducted several programmes in 2008 on DPPM connected tourism. While ECOT funded the programme, NCY-SL functioned as the implementing partner in Sri Lanka with leading CBOs and conducted several programmes around the country.

Mr. Rungrote Tangsurakit, DPPM Programme Coordinator and Ms. Sabine Minninger of ECOT and representatives of leading CBOs, Sewa Lanka, Peace, and Glide along with YMCA team participated at this workshop.

THE GoCY INTERNS IN SRI LANKA !

Two Norwegians and one Palestinian arrived in Sept here under the Intern Exchange Programme between Sri Lanka YMCA and GoCY of Norway. The interns will be in Sri Lanka for 8 months and they are posted to the YMCA s Galle, Trincomalee & Nugegoda to work with the local communities through the host YMCAs. They will study the local cultures and their lifestyles while sharing their own experiences and knowledge with the counterparts.



The two Norwegians are Ms. Ragna Lillevik and Ms. Helena Svele and Mr. William Anwar N Abudo is from Palestine. Similarly Ms. Christine Lavinya of Point Pedro YMCA completed her orientation programme in Norway and left for Palestine for 6 months programme.

180 HRS SECRETARIES TRAINING PROGRAMME

12 YMCA professionals recently underwent a vigorous



10 day residential Basic Training Programme for YMCA Professional Secretaries. It

included pre and post training as well. Under the movement strengthening process this training was designed according to APAY recommended curriculum to mould YMCA professionals who have the potential to become future secretaries. Nine YMCAs nominated one each and three young men from NCY participated.

Following personnel underwent the above training:- Peter D. F. Delima - Akkaraipattu and (From left to right) Richman - Point Pedro, T. David - Kalmunai, R Fonseka - Pamunugama, I. Justin - Kallar, Prasanna Peiris - NCY, Joseph A. Prabu - Trincomalee, S. Vijeyakulasingham, S. J. Chandrakumar - NCY, P. Ashok Louis - Valachchenai, T. C. Brownson - NCY, A. Anderson - Batticaloa, Peter D. F. Delima - Akkaraipattu and Ms. W. A. S. C. Wijesinghe (not in the Photo)..

The programme was inaugurated by NCY President Mr. Aruna Shantha Nonis. An elaborate ceremony was held at NCY on 29th August to mark the Certificates Awarding Ceremony. President of Baptist Sangamaya Rev Kingsley Perera was the chief guest and Mrs. Perera awarded the certificates.

CAMP LEADERS TRAINING AT MIRIGAMA !

NCY conducted a Camp Leaders Training programme from 4th to 6th Sept. 09 at Mirigama Scout Camping Center. The objective of the camp was to provide in-depth knowledge to future camp leaders in camping, camp culture and camp operation/management. Trained camp directors, teach jungle tracking experts from the Army, first aid specialists from Red Cross and several others facilitated the training programme.



NATIONAL LOVE & AFFECTION CAMP



The National Love & Affection Camp was conducted from 4th to 17th Aug 09 at Boys Town, Ragama. More than 250 Children belonging to diverse communities from

all over the country attended this year's camp. The objective of the camp was to spread the message of love, understanding and peaceful coexistence among children. The camp also helped the children to engage in games, expose inherent talents, and build leadership qualities & team spirit. Mr. Matsuno and Mr. Tateyama, two leaders from Osaka YMCA Japan visited the camp especially to review the camp and give a hand to the local leaders.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY - 12TH AUGUST

Almost all youths participated in the international youth day event especially organized to make the day by 20 YMCAs. A special report will be published by NCY Youth Committee.

VISITORS FROM ABROAD

1. MR. KOHEI YAMADA - APAY GENERAL SECRETARY

APAY General Secretary Mr. Kohei Yamada was in Sri Lanka to participate in the Asia Area Conference of Y's Man's Club International, held in Colombo. He visited NCY, Moratuwa, Negombo and Dehiwela YMCAs. Photo depicts happy moments with the children's club members. Mr. Ymada was accompanied by Mr. Takina, vice president of Japan YMCA and Ms. Nagoya of WAY / APAY. Others in the picture are: Mr. Susil Hettiarachchi, Gen. Sec. of Dehiwela YMCA, Mr. Thilak Rohana, Peace Programme Coordinator of Dehiwela, Mr. Peter Jasinghe, President, and Mr. Prithi Jayasinghe, Treasurer & Mr. S. Vijayakulasingham, Dep. National Gen. Sec. of NCY - SL.



2. Mr. Rungrote Tangusurakt, DPPM Programme Coordinator and Ms. Sabine Minniger of ECOT - Thailand, visited us on 10th & 11th of Sep 09 in connection with ECOT Meeting.

APAY ADVANCED TRAINING

Mr. Charith de Silva, Executive Secretary of the NCY left for Hong Kong to follow the 6 weeks training programme from Oct - Nov. 2009.

WORKSHOP POVERTY ALLEVIATION NEW DELHI

APAY's Poverty Alleviation & Sustainable Development Programme was held at New Delhi YMCA from 07th to 11th Aug 09. Mr. Rohan Salgado, Asst. National General Secretary of NCY, Mr. P. E. M. Wasalathantry, Treasurer of Negombo YMCA and Mr. Neelaka Sampath Fernando, Peace Programme Coordinator of Moratuwa YMCA represented Sri Lanka YMCA.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON DENGUE



A national coordinated Dengue Prevention day was observed on the 1st of Aug 09. The campaign had two aspects one being awareness building on Dengue fever and other on cleaning the YMCA and other areas. Yeah TV, Shakthi and Sunsonic TV provided coverage.

A separate Programme was conducted on 6th of Aug 2009 in NCY vicinity and Kollupitiya area. Schools in the area joined in the programme by putting up dengue prevention posters and distributing handbills explaining the dangers of dengue fever.

St. Michaels College of Kollupitiya conducted a Sramadana clean-up Campaign in and around the school. Medical Officer and Mr. Suraj Fernando NCY addressed the students. At the end of the programme 03 Jak plants were planted in the school premises to mark the day.

21 YMCAs participated: i.e.



Ampara, Kalmunai,
Batticaloa, Kallar,
Kandy,
Trincomalee,
Mandur, Nugegoda,
huraineelavanai,
Akkaraipattu,
Komari, Valachchenai, Navaly, Negombo,
Pamunugama, Jaffna, Mannar, Rambukkana,
Dehiwela, Galle & Moratuwa.

ECOT- ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TOURISM- BANGKOK

The programme was held on 14th & 15th August 09 at Bangkok, Thailand to analyze ways to address unfavorable issues that become legacy of tourism. Prasanna Peiris, Executive Assistant of NCY participated.

RELIEF FOR IDPS IS CONTINUING

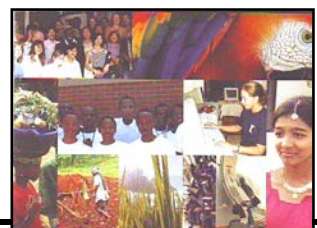
Sri Lanka YMCA is continuing with its IDP relief work. In July and August, following the requests of respective government authorities, forwarded by YMCAs, NCY remitted Rs. 645,000/- to Mannar YMCA to distribute plastic buckets, soaps, sandals, and children's toys.

Rs. 647,503/- was sent to Vavuniya YMCA to distribute Milk Food and nutritional substitutes to Zone 4 camp in Manik farm. In the first week of Sept Rs. 79,940/- was remitted to YMCA Mannar to supply Milk Food and other essential

items to patients admitted to the Mannar hospital. This was requested by the Catholic Chaplain of Our Lady of Velankanni Church in Mannar which is looking after the welfare of these patients who were injured and have lost limbs during the war. Acknowledging a request from Divisional Secretary of Cheddikulam, which was forwarded by Mannar YMCA, NCY remitted Rs. 306,720/- to Mannar Y to supply 1000 packets of Milk Food to Sumathipuram Relief Village.

WORLD YM/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER & WORLD FELLOWSHIP

This programme is being observed during 8th to 14th Nov 09 with the Theme "Striving for Global Citizenship for All" Booklet in English, Sinhala & Tamil are



Striving for Global
Citizenship for All

available for sale. A Retreat has been arranged on 7th Nov 09 from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at St. Margaret Convent. All are welcome.

NEWS FROM MEMBER YMCAS.

JAFFNA YMCA

It is publishing a by - monthly news letter titled "A Ray of Light" Two publication have been released up to August 2009. Regional Love and affection camp participated by children from five YMCAs was conducted from 13 to 15th August 09. The infrastructure development activities commenced un the MSP are nearing completion. Membership and Programme development are taking new dimension.

DEHIWELA YMCA - SUNSHINE CAMP!

Dehiwela YMCA with the partnership of Y's Man's Club of Dehiwela conducted the Sunshine Camp in Aug 09 for the 37th consecutive year. Dehiwela Y's Man Club and volunteers of all ages worked hard to organize and ensure that children had a memorable two days camp. During the 2 days there was music, dancing and laughter every where. More than 125 mentally

and physically differently able children participated with their care givers. Picture shows "Fancy Dress Competition" in progress.



NEGOMBO YMCA

MOBILE PHONE REPAIRING COURSE!



In addition to Computer Training, programme the Negombo YMCA has launched a Mobile Phone Repairing Course that has drawn the attention of many youngsters of the area. Initially 19 youth are following this job oriented course.

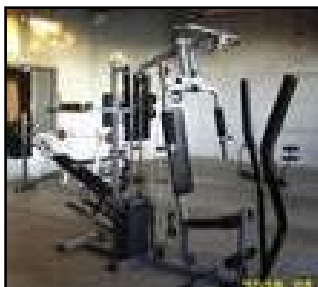
Negombo Y Trained Prefects of Kochchikade Maha Vidyalaya, in Negombo. One day programme was conducted in July for 45 participants.

Another Leadership Training Programme was conducted for 68 Sunday School Prefects of the area. It was held on 08th Aug 09 at Cardinal Cooray Center, Negombo. NCY President addressed the participants on "Christian Leadership Today?"

Mr. Kohei Yamada, General Secretary of APAY, who was in Sri Lanka paid a courtesy visit to Negombo YMCA with Mr. Takina, Vice president of Japan YMCA. Mr. S. Vijeyakulasingam, Deputy NGS of NCY accompanied him. They had an informal discussion with Negombo YMCA officials M/s. Duncan de Zilwa, Vice President, P. E. M. Wasalatantry, Treasurer and Roger Peiris, General Secretary.



KALLAR YMCA



* YMCA Kallar informs the departure of the General Secretary Mr. Dunsten Herose, for higher studies for UK..

* Certificates were issued to students who successfully completed trainings in Aluminium fabrication and Welding.

* In addition to Sinhala Language classes, English Elocution classes have commenced and they are very popular in the area. 45 students enrolled within a week.

* An 'Internet Café' is opened in the premise that attracts an eager crowd everyday. Charges range from Rs. 30/- for members and Rs..40/- for non - members per hour.

MANNAR YMCA

Children Drop in Centre of the Mannar YMCA started its new term in Aug with some funfair and celebrations. Children along with their parents, board members and religious leaders participated. More than 50 children who attend this drop-in-centre come from internally displaced, war affected and strife torn under-privileged families. In addition to helping in basic education Mannar YMCA is providing them with

indoor games and TV- Cartoon facilities. Periodically the children are taken on picnics and sight seeing. This programme is funded by German YMCA.

JAFFNA COLLEGE YMCA

First college YMCA in Asia was established at Jaffna college in April 1844 two years after the formation of YMCAs in Colombo and Galle. The unique college YMCA celebrated its 125th anniversary on 7th Oct. Several competitions were conducted and on that day a thanks giving service held at the cathedral church Vaddukoddai. Celebration meeting included; procession, issue of 125th year souvenir magazine and recognizing the student and teacher leaders. Mr. S. Vijayakulasingam of the NCY participated at the events.



COLOMBO YMCA

DAY CAMP: Sixty Children from several schools in Colombo participated in the Annual Day Camp organized by the Children's Department which was held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of Aug 09.

SPEECH CONTEST:

The Speech Contest, based on Sir Edwin Arnold's "The Light of the World" was conducted on Saturday the 19th September 2009 in the YMCA Forum Hall.

SENIOR GIRLS.

- Winner - Anne Kaushalya Jayasinghe of St. Lawrence's School - Wellawatta.
 1st Runner-up - A. S. Lakmini Fernando of Ave Maria Convent, Negombo.
 2nd Runner-up - Nicola Tehani De Zoysa of St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo - 07.

SENIOR BOYS

- Winner - Shevon Rodrigo of Maris Stella College, Negombo.
 1st Runner-up - C. Ridmal Jayasooriya of Ibbagamuwa Central College, Ibbagamuwa.
 2nd Runner-up - Ragulan Sathkunalingam of Kingston College International, Col 15.

JUNIOR GIRLS

- Winner - H. Swasha Ratnayake of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda.
 1st Runner-up - J. Nethmini Ratnayake of Lyceum International School, Nugegoda.
 2nd Runner-up - Juanita D. Perera of St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo 07.

JUNIOR BOYS

- Winner - Rayantha Sinnathamby of Alethea International School, Dehiwela.
 1st Runner-up - D. Asela Tilakaratna of St. Thomas Preparatory School, Kollupitiya.
 2nd Runner-up - W. Hashan Madusha Perera of Oasis International School, Col12.

Inter School Shakespeare Drama Competition - 2009.

The Semi-finals of the Inter-School Shakespeare Drama Competition 09 was organized from 22nd to 24th Sept 09 at the Lionel Wendt. The finals were held at the Bishop's College Auditorium on 2nd Oct 09 for the Girls' Schools and 4th Oct 09 for the Boys' Schools. The results:

GIRLS' SCHOOLS:

- Winner - Ladies College, Col 07.
 1st Runner-up - Visakha Vidyalaya, Col 5. 2nd Runner-up - Ave Maria Convent, Negombo.
 3rd Runner-up - Girls' High School, Kandy.

1. Best Actress All-Island - Tehani Welgama, Ladies College, Col - 07.
2. Best Supporting Actress All - Island - Naveka Karunarathne, Visakha Vidyalaya, Col - 05.
3. Best Actress Outstation - Niroshi Perera, Ave Maria Convent, Negombo.
4. Best Supporting Actress Outstation - Kumeri Bandara, Girls' High School, Kandy.
5. Best Outstation Girls' School - Girls' High School, Kandy.
6. Runner-up Outstation Girls' School - Ave Maria Convent, Negombo.

BOYS' SCHOOLS:

- Winner - Maris Stella College, Negombo.
 1st Runner-up - D. S. Senanayake College, Col - 07. 2nd Runner-up - St. Joseph's College, Col - 10.
 3rd Runner-up - Wesley College, Co- 01.

1. **Best Actor All-Island** - Daminda Wijayarathne, Maris Stella College, Negombo.
2. **Best Supporting Actor All-Island** - Prathap Kumarapperuma, St. Joseph's College, Col 10.

3. **Best Actor Outstation** - Daminda Wijayaratne, Maris Stella College, Negombo.
4. **Best Supporting Actor Outstation** - G. Keneth Peiris, Maris Stella College Negombo.
5. **Best Outstation Boys' School** - Maris Stella College, Negombo.
6. **Runner-up Outstation Boys' School** - St. Anthony's College, Kandy .

PANDATERUPPU YMCA.



Pre school children conducted a sports festival on 18th July. Youth organized a Denge awareness and prevention programme on 01st Aug 2009. Children took part in the cultural competition held at Navaly and won prizes.

NAVALY YMCA

A cultural programme was conducted on 19th & 20th Oct. 09 for children in the peninsular YMCAs. 33 children participated in this contest. Children posed for a photograph'



KALMUNAI YMCA

Kalmunai YMCA has organized a painting shramadana at Sorikkalmunai church on 31st July, 09. It organized the Eastern region cricket tournament among the Eastern Region YMCAs in June. Kalmunai YMCA won the tournament.

Also organized the Dengue prevention programme at YMCA Kalmunai on 1st Aug and the Inter school Drama competition - 2009 on 23rd July 09 1st Place of the Drama Completion was awarded to R.K.M. Maha Vidyalayam - Kalmunai.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB REGIONAL BOARD - SL

The Regional convention was held in Aug 09 at God's Little Acre, Moratuwa. NCY president attended the



convention and signed the partnership agreement. The Asia Area convention too was held in Colombo in Sept at Cinnamon Grand Hotel. A few delegates made courtesy call at the NCY office. We regret to



note the death of Y's Man Hillary de Alwis in August 09. Mr. Alwis was also an active member of Colombo YMCA and contributed immensely to the NCY.

NEW ARCH BISHOP OF COLOMBO

While congratulating the new Archbishop **Rt. Rev. Dr. Malcom Ranjith** on his consecration, Sri Lanka YMCAs up hold the Servant of God in

prayers. He will be one of the NCY Vice Patrons succeeding the Archbishop emeritus Rt. Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomes.

INTENDED VISITS

Y Care International UK / Ireland: Messers Terry Waite President and Chris Roles, Director will be visiting Sri Lanka during 3rd to 9th Nov 09. They will inspect development activities and visit Jaffna as well.

German YMCA: Messers Berthold Messinger, International Director and Albert Ebinger will be visiting us during 30th Nov to 04th Dec 2009 to see the activities conducted at the Drop in Centers.

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