

# Sampath Bank Celebrated the Jaffna Poson Festival

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Janaka Jayasuriya, Assistant General Manager - Branch Banking, Sampath Bank handing over a sapling to school children who participated in the art exhibition. Also in the images are Kumanan Rasanayagam, Regional Manager - North, Sampath Bank and Rajashanthan, Manager - Jaffna Branch, Sampath Bank.

Sampath Bank sponsored the Jaffna Poson Festival at the Sri Naga Vihara International Buddhist Center.

Jaffna residents were treated to an exhibition of ancient Buddhist relics. The highlight of this year's celebrations in Jaffna was not just the religious observances and good fellowship but the extensive and captivating collection of children's paintings on display at the Sri Naga Vihara. The theme for this art exhibition was 'good habits and rituals,' and it elicited

some charming submissions.

These paintings were submitted by 200 Tamil children of different age groups, and ranged from engagingly childlike drawings to mature works of great artistic merit. Perhaps what's most noteworthy about this art exhibit is that these budding young artists are the children of former LTTE cadres who have long since been rehabilitated and assimilated into the fabric of Sri Lankan society.

The enthusiasm was so impressive that the Bank decided to award every young artistic participant a cash prize of 2,500 rupees in the form of a Sampath Bank account.

"Sampath Bank has had a presence in Jaffna peninsula since peace returned to the Peninsula," said Tharaka Ranwala, Senior Deputy General Manager/Group Marketing, Deposit Mobilization and Digitalization, Sampath Bank. "The Bank has proved to be one of the fastest growing private banks in the area, offering its customers a range of attractive financial products and services. Coming from a bank on the cutting edge technologically, the people of Jaffna embraced these progressive products and services and are being rewarded for it. They appreciate the value and benefits of these technologically advanced products and services."