

## **STC GURUTALAWA CELEBRATES CHILDRENS' & ELDERS' DAY 2009**

International Childrens' and Elders' Day was celebrated at S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 with a unique Variety Entertainment Programme organised by the Tutorial Staff of the School.

The Programme was a mixture of Comic Drama, Kandyan & Low Country Dance, Music and Song in all three languages with all the items being performed by Teachers on behalf of the children. The highlight of the two hour long event was a moving rendition of Abba's 'I Have a Dream' by the community's oldest member and longest serving teacher, the octogenarian Emeritus Chaplain Revd Fr Harold Goodchild.

It was an extremely well organised event considering the short time in which the whole programme was planned and prepared. It certainly augurs well for a School such as STC Gurutalawa that there is so much talent among the teachers of the School who have obvious gifts and talents.

The event was choreographed by Mr Shantha Prematilleke, Directed by Revd Dn Saman Jayasuriya and Mr Wasala Dharmapala and Produced by Mr Tilak Pushpakumara who also compered the event. Music Direction was by Mr Dushan Sugathapala, Art Direction was by Mr A. Amsakumar and Mr Damith Seneviratne and Lighting was by Mr Shantha. All of them also performed together with Mr L. Theepakaran, Mr Sameera Hewage, Mr Rohana Kumara, Mrs J. Nesaseelan, and Mrs B. Arunagirinathan. Videography was by Mr Dammika Ratnayake and Photography by Mr S. Subasinghe and Mr Chinthaka Bandara. The organizers were advised by Mrs Sita Jayasekera and Mr V. W. Dikkumbura.

The Headmaster in his speech at the end indicated that he was impressed with the production and hoped that the children had not only enjoyed the event but realised how talented their teachers were. He went on to say that each child was special and unique and that the Teachers were proud and privileged to have them in their care at this School.

The entire student body was also hosted to a special lunch by the School while the Tutorial Staff provided each child with dessert of Ice Cream.

Fr Harold Goodchild, when asked about the event, said that it was the first such event he had witnessed during his connection with the School that spans over 40 years.

While congratulating the Teachers for their hard work we can only hope to see this School go from strength to strength in the coming days.