

One child in the world goes blind every minute

Lions give lavishly towards eradicating reversible blindness

Sight First II to collect US \$ 150 million

International Director Lion K. G. Ramakrishna Murthy, from Chennai was the Chief Guest at the Founder's Night Celebrations of Lions District 306 B2 held at Ceylon Continental Hotel, Colombo.



Chief Guest International Director, Lion K.G. Ramakrishna Murthy lights the oil lamp. Also present from left - Lion S. Shanmugarajah, Past District Governor and International Director, Lion Graetian Gunawardene, District Governor, 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual and Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Ajith Devadasan.

Addressing a large gathering he said that the Lions give from the heart and are concerned for the less fortunate society. The Lions Sight First initiative collected US \$ 130 million in 1990 to eradicate 40% of the world's needless blindness. Lions have provided more than seven million cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million, built or expanded 213 Eye hospitals trained 305,000 ophthalmologists, nurses and professional eye care workers.

Hence Lions have launched the world's first ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health organization, thirty minute. Half a million will have lost their sight by the end of this year.

paediatric eye care centers were established. The Sight First II initiative to collect US \$150 million has commenced and up to date US \$ 129 million has been collected.

He congratulated District Governor 306 B2 Lion Mahesh Pasqual on collecting US \$ 66,000 for the year from the District towards the Lion Clubs International Foundation.

He also congratulated the two 100% Melvin Jones Clubs in the District, namely the Lions Club of Colombo Circle and the Lions Club of Colombo City and urged them to be the first 100% Diamond pin clubs in the world.

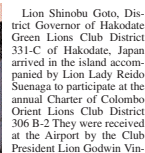
He added that the Asian countries contribute a little, but get a major share through grants from the International to combat reversible blindness.

Japanese delegation donates wheelchairs to Lions District 306-C



Lions District 306-C presented 25 wheelchairs to President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The wheelchairs were gifted by a Japanese delegation who visited Sri Lanka recently. Here the President accepts the wheelchairs from the Japanese delegation. Media Minister Lakshman Yapa Abeywardene, Dr. Lal Thiakararatne and District governor, 306-C1, Lion Hemasiri de Silva were also present.

Japanese Lions arrive for Colombo Orient Lions Charter



Lion Shinobu Goto, District Governor of Hakodate Green Lions Club District 331-C of Hakodate, Japan arrived in the island accompanied by Lion Lady Reido Suemaga to participate at the annual Charter of Colombo Orient Lions Club District 306 B-2 They were received at the Airport by the Club President Lion Godwin Vincent, 1st Vice President Lion A.M.A. Samarantunga, Lion Lady Priyanti Samarantunga, 3rd Vice President Lion Tuan Gouse, Lion Thilak Arachchige, and Lion Lakshman Buddhikoralage



The foreign visitors and the Lion Club members soon after the arrival of the visitors at the BIA. Picture by H. Fernando Negombo Special Cor.



District Governor, Lion Mahesh Pasqual addressing the gathering. Present from left - Cabinet Treasurer, Lion P. Chandrasekera, Past Governors, Lion Lucian Morinigo, Lion Gamini Jayasuriya and Lion Chandra Pathirana.



Chief Guest, International Director K.G. Ramakrishna Murthy (fourth from left) with members of the Avissawella-Seethawaka Lions Club from left, Lion Lady Saumya Bernard, Lion Lady Indu Mudalige, Lion Dr. Kothalawala, Lion Lady Priya Kottalawala, President, Lions Club of Avissawella-Seethawaka and Lion Lady Soma Perera.

Lion Raju Veerasingham A Leader Par-Excellence

Lion Raju N. Veerasingham, MJF JP, was the Charter Chairman of the Joint Charter Celebrations of the Lions Clubs of Nuwara Eliya, Gimgathena, Hatton, Nuwara Eliya, Seetha Eliya and Walapane held at the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya where the Chief Guest was District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddewithana accompanied by the First Lady of the District Lion Lalani.



Lion Raju N. Veerasingham, MJF JP.

The large crowd present which was a representation of almost all Clubs of District 306 C2 including members from Batticaloa and Kaluwanchikudy. An August assembly that included a galaxy of Past District Governors fully appreciated the excellent manner in which the meeting was conducted followed by an impressive Fellowship.

lucky enough to have an outstanding leader such as Lion Raju as a District Governor in the future.

He thanked the organizing committee for giving one of the most memorable Charter Celebrations that followed a Cabinet Meeting and with warm hospitality and leadership that shone as a beacon of light for the Lions of District of District 306C2. As Raju was District Governor's running-mate in 2005 he expressed the hope that Lionism in Sri Lanka will be

Lion Raju has held various positions under all Governors of District 306 C2. He along with Lion Priyanka Baddewithana teamed up to contest for the post of Vice District Governorship and District Governorship respectively in the year 2005 but was unsuccessful.

The following year, Lion Priyanka Baddewithana was unanimously elected as the Vice District Governor of District 306C2 and is the highly respected person because of his vibrant, transparent and professional leadership.

He naturally invited his companion Lion Raju to his Cabinet to be the District Governor's Chief Coordinator for the Central Province.

Lion Raju has ably represented the District Governor for the Central Province Clubs from Nawalapitiya-

Kothmale to Walapone. All Club level, Lion Raju has been the project Chairman for over a decade for the Lions Club of Nuwara Eliya and has conducted some very meaningful projects to the community of Nuwara Eliya.

This includes Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate and Burns victims operations with the assistance of the German HELF Foundation and also many heart and kidney transplants.

This year he is coordinating with the Board Appointee of the International Association of the Lions Clubs, Lion Asoka De Z. Gunasekera PID, and PDG to obtain LCIF assistance to upgrade the Eye Unit at the Nuwara Eliya Base Hospital.

An Appeal for Lions of Nuwara Eliya to upgrade St. Anthony's College Building.

Lion Raju Veerasingham is seeking assistance of good Samaritans to upgrade the St. Anthony's College building which is in a sad state of dilapidation and also to provide water supply to the Child In Need Development Association.

Donors could contact Lion Raju at the Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya and make donations giving details of the donor for purposes of acknowledgement and recognition where cheques should be drawn in favour of the Lions Club of Nuwara Eliya and crossed A/C Payee and endorsed on

Balangoda Lions sponsor Model School for Child Development

Wijeya Model School in Kirimethenna in Balangoda saw a host of facilities being upgraded by the Lions of Balangoda implementing the District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddewithana's programme on Child Development through establishing Lions model schools.

Under this top-priority programme, each Lions Club must select an underprivileged school, and develop it through friendly assistance and resource allocation to ensure that the school has a Library/Computer Lab, adequate Common Amenities, School Band, Playground/Sports and Recreation, English Education, Cadetling, Scouting or Cubs/Guides, and Proper Landscaping to create a pleasant environment.

The Project was jointly chaired by District Governor's Chief Coordinator, Sabaragamuwa Province Lion Justin Fernando and his Brother Lion A. L. Stanis Lawrence who is a Director on the board of the



District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddewithana declares open the school playground made by the Lions Club of Balangoda. Also in the picture Lion S. Fernando, Lion Justin Fernando and the President of Lions Club of Balangoda Lion Harischandra Lyanage along with other members of the Club and the principal of Wijeya Model School.

Lions Club of Balangoda. On this occasion the Chief Guest was District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddewithana and the First Lady of the District Lion Lalani Baddewithana.



Donation of Computer for the school lab by Chief Guest Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddewithana. Club President Lion Harischandra Lyanage and Lion S. Fernando, were also present.



DG's Chief Coordinator Lion Justin Fernando donates a new public address system to the school.



A Free Eye Clinic organised by the Old Boys' Association of Madina Central (National School) College-Colombo Branch in Collaboration with the Lions Club of Colombo (Hosi) and Norfolk Footis (Pvt) Ltd was held at Madina Central College premises recently. Here, officers are examining eye sights of the needy. Picture by H.A. Shakoor, Pathalumbura Special Correspondent.

Mulleriyawa New Town Lions mark World Diabetes Day



To mark the world Diabetes Day Lions Club of Mulleriyawa New Town, distributed leaflets on the prevention of Diabetes to the general public. This was done with the participation of the school children principal and staff of Kotikawatte Kudabuthgamuwa Dhamapala Vidyalaya and in association with the National Diabetes Centres. To mark the occasion, tee-shirts and caps were distributed to school children by the National Diabetes Centre. Here pupils of Kotikawatte, Kudabuthgamuwa Dhamapala Vidyalaya, with the school staff at the commencement of the distribution of the leaflets. Picture by Anthony Fernando Puttalam District Roving Corr.

Eye camp by Lions Club of Battaramulla



District Governor Hemasiri de Silva trying out a pair of spectacles on a patient at the eye camp held at Athurugiriya by the Lions Club of Battaramulla Central.