



PD Buddheni Gunasekera (second from right) and DG Asoka Gunasekera distribute wheelchairs

## 306 C2 begins Regional Mega Service Projects

The Lions Clubs International District 306 C-2 and the respective Regions have organised Mega Multi Service Projects in the city areas namely, Nugegoda, Maharagama, Rukmalgama, Homagama, Ratnapura, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Ampara and Batticaloa which are within District 306 C2.

We intend organising One Mega Multi Service Project outside the District 306 C-2, namely Imaduwa in the Galle District, District Governor, Lion Buddheni Gunasekera said.

Under the guidance of District Governor 306 C-2 Lion Buddheni Gunasekera MJF and Past International Director Lion Asoka Z. Gunasekera MJF/JP, the first Mega Multi Service Project was held at the Nugegoda Super Market premises on last week in association with Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte Municipal Council and Sri Lanka Police (Mirihana).

This event consisted of 25 different service projects. Blood Donation, Eye

# 306C1 Lions to assist Army

## Scholarships for children - Wheelchairs for disabled officers

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Army Commander Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka paid a tribute to District Governor, 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Diresht Hettiarachchi and Lions of his district for their kind gesture in donating ambulances, fire engines, spectacles, wheelchairs, scholarships and clutches to the army.



The modern ambulances, fire engine, wheelchairs and spectacles donated to the army.

The presentation was made to the Army Commander last week.

The donations to the value of over Rs. 70 million, was possible due to the untiring efforts taken by the President, Japan/Lanka Friendship Association, Dr. Lal Thilakarane who persuaded a group of Japanese donors to finance the project.

These equipment are urgently needed for their generous contribution to Sri Lanka Army, District Governor, Deshabandu Diresht Hettiarachchi assured the Army Commander of further assistance from his district 306C1 within the next few months with the assistance of Japan/Lanka Friendship Association, and Lions of



Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka accepting the donations from District Governor 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Diresht Hettiarachchi.



Army Commander Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka accepts the keys of the ambulances, from District Governor, Lion Diresht Hettiarachchi. Looking on are Lion Ugali Senarath from Lions Club of Colombo Fort, President J.L.F.A., Dr. Lal Thilakarane, Mrs. Eranga Thilakarane, M.E.R.L. Chairman, Lion Theja Perera, Deputy Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Sarath Wijehandara, District Chairperson, Lion A.W. Nishantha, President, Lions Club of Colombo Fort, Lion Premasiri Hewawasam, and President, Lions Club of Oruwala,

## Korean doctors join Salapura Lions in major health camp

A team of medical specialists from Korea joined Lions Club of Salapura - Chilaw to extend free specialised medical treatment to over 700 people at a mega health camp held at the Urban Council, Chilaw.

The Korean team of doctors examined over 600 patients for general illnesses and over 100 heart patients. They included adults and children.



District Governor, Lion Nimal Rajapakse unveils the National Flag at the Medical Camp. Looking on are Korean Doctors, Seug Zae Lee, and Lee Jae-Eun President, Lions Club of Salapura (Chilaw), Lion Sittampalam Sivanathan and Chairman, Urban Council, Chilaw, Hilary Prasanna Fernando. Pic: Beverly Jansz



Dr. Lee Jae-Eun from the Jeollabukdo Medical Association, Nuga Surgery Hospital, Korea, examines a patient. Looking on are District Governor, 306B1, Lion Nimal Rajapakse, First Lady Geetha, Chairman, Urban Council Chilaw, W.A. Hilary Prasanna Fernando, President, Lions Club of Salapura (Chilaw), Lion Sittampalam Sivanathan, District Chairperson, Lion S. Jayawatsalam, MJF, Vice District Governor, 306B1, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe MJF and District chairperson, Lion Priyantha Fernando.

A special feature of the health camp was that the Korean medical team selected a few children to be taken to Korea, with mothers for heart surgery.

The entire cost of air tickets and other expenses will be borne by the Korean medical team. "This is a great gesture of goodwill from the Korean doctors",

said District Governor, 306B1, Lion Nimal Rajapakse, who was the chief guest.

Over Rs. six lakhs worth of medicine were given free

to the patients who attended the medical camp, by the Korean team.

Over one thousand tooth brushes, 100 spectacles, and other gifts too were distributed by the Korean doctors, to adults and children who attended the health camp.

District Governor, Lion Nimal Rajapakse paid a tribute to President, Lions Club of Salapura (Chilaw), Lion S. Sivanathan and Project Coordinator and main organiser, Lion Sudath Perera for their untiring efforts to organise such a worthy medical camp, which was the first service project of the club, for the Lionistic



Past President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion Ashroff Hussain presented braille equipment, transistor radios and audio tapes to the blind at a function held at the Public Library Auditorium. Here, Lion Ashroff presents braille equipment to a blind student.

## Mega service project by Mabile Lions

Text and pic. by Nimal Perera Wattala group corr.

Lions Club of Mabile commenced their second and Lionistic Year with a mega service project at Hendala in association with Ekamuthu Society Nayakanda, Hendala last week.

District Governor 306B1 Lion Nimal Rajapaksa was the chief guest. The mega project comprised a medical camp, dental clinic, diabetic screening, distribution of chicks, dry ration parcels,

stationery and exercise books, mahogany and coconut plants, eye screening and distribution of spectacles and dengue awareness programme. District Governor paid a tribute to Mabile Lions for the mega project and said that it was very valuable as it benefited needy people in the area.

Vice District Governor 306B1 Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe who distributed dry ration parcels paid a special tribute to the Mabile Lions for conducting such a valuable and meaningful project. President of the Club Sulari Cabraal said that



President, Lions Club of Mabile, Lion Sulari Cabraal distributes dry rations. Looking on are District Governor 306B1, Nimal Rajapaksa and First Lady, Geetha, Club Secretary, Shanali de Silva and Vice District Governor, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe.

## Toastmasters' Silver Jubilee on grand scale

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The Colombo Toastmasters Club (CTC) is the first Toastmasters Club to be founded in the South Asian Region, encompassing India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives.

For 25 years the CTC has lived up to its promise of being a training ground for fledgling leaders to sharpen their public speaking and leadership skills.

It has also provided yeoman service to uplift the public speaking skills of Sri Lankans through aggressive growth of the Toastmasters movement in India and Sri

Lanka with the forming of new clubs in both countries, launching community outreach programs like the Speech Craft Program and the Youth Leadership Program, and the holding of signature oratorical contests - the Junior Public Speaker (For those under 18 years) and the All Island Best Speaker (For those over 18 years of age).

Today, The Colombo Toastmasters Club is the undisputed leader in public speaking in Sri Lanka, if not the entire South Asian Region.

In keeping with Toastmasters Club across the world, the mission of The Colombo Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop Communication and Leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

The Colombo Toastmasters Club counts as its alumni/members entrepreneur and ground-breaking industrialist Deshamanya Mahesh

Amalcan, father of advertising in Sri Lanka the late Deshabandu Reggie Chandappa, and corporate training Guru Haleem Ghouse, ATM. The Club has trained over 600 members in public speaking and leadership skills. Furthermore, the Club's community outreach programs - the Youth Leadership Program and the Speech Craft Program - have unleashed the communication and leadership skills of more than 1,500 corporate executives and high school students. In making such contributions to Sri Lanka's progress through teaching effective oral communication, the Colombo Toastmasters Club has become a national asset.

The Colombo Toastmasters Club celebrated its Silver Jubilee amidst a distinguished gathering of professionals, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and Toastmasters last week at the King's Court, Trans Asia, Colombo. The evening portrayed excellence in communication, dignified celebration, and excitement!

## Wethara-Kahatuduwa Lions assist Mattegoda Pensioners' Assn.

The Lions Club of Wethara-Kahatuduwa donated chairs and desks to the Mattegoda Pensioners' Association at a ceremony held at Camilla School, Mattegoda. They will be used for free English classes, for children.

The presentation was made under the patronage of past District Governor and Chairman Membership Development, Lion Kamal Seneviratne and Club President, Lion Yamunu Angammama.



Mattegoda Pensioners' Association Committee Member, D. A. Srisena (extreme right) accepting the donation from Lion Kamal Seneviratne. Looking on from left are First Vice President, Lions Club of Wethara-Kahatuduwa, Lion D. Jayamannda and Club President, Lion Yamunu Angammama. Pic by Beverly Jansz



Mrs. W. A. Lenagama (third from left) Principal donor, hands over the water purifying dispenser to Dr. Mrs. Paraganagama. Looking on from left are Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa, VGD Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe, Club President, Lion Janaka Nugara, Region Chairman, Lion Dr. Seba Jayarama, Zone Chairman, Lion Mevan Algama and Dr. Iresh Jayaweera. Pic: Beverly Jansz

## Another Landmark Project by Wattala Classic Lions

Another Community Service Project was organised by Lions Club of Wattala Classic at the Maharagama Cancer Hospital, Vice District Governor 306 B1, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe was the chief guest.

Four units of Special Water Purifying Dispensers were installed at the Hospital premises. In addition

four other service projects also took place on the same day which included providing of refreshments to 500 OPD visitors, liquidized food for 930 in-door patients, distribution of gift packs to the children's wards and donation of most preferred food items to 40 hospice patients. Dr. Mrs. Paraganama - Deputy Director, Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Dr. Iresh Jayaweera of Cancer Hospital Maharagama, Region Chairman, Lion Dr. Seba Jayarama, Zone Chairman Lion Mevan Algama, District Coordinators, Lion Noel Zahid, Lion Priyantha Fernando, Lion I. Camillus and Lion Lady Audrey, and Mrs. W.A. Lenagala who was the principal donor, also graced the occasion.