Message from the District Governor

I am delighted to present this message on the occasion of the 13th Annual District Convention of Lions Clubs International, to be held on 12th and 13th May at Colombo Royal College, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

The Annual District Convention is considered to be the most significant event of the District Calendar and "A Celebration of Service and Excellence" which gives an opportunity to District, Zone and Area Officers, Lions Clubs, Rotarians, Lions and Lion Ladies of the Districts to report our progress and achievements for the past year and to plan for the year ahead.

As usual, the membership growth program has never been so easy since, the benefits of the beginning of the year were even higher. Nevertheless, with the support extended by the District Governor, Lions, and Lion Ladies of the Districts, we have so far completed the year with a very successful District Convention, the "Sharing, Learning, and Growing, Convention," for these members also planned a professional growth program in the membership recruitment.

Organizing District Convention requires a good understanding of the district and local board, and hard work. Let us take this opportunity to appreciate the Secretary of the Convention Committee on behalf of the District Governor, Lions and Lion Ladies of the District. Let us also appreciate the Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Dr. Sonali Handagama and the Freemasons, for their outstanding support, enabling a professional growth program in the membership recruitment.

Let me sincerely thank the Board of Lions of the District on behalf of the District Governor, for their commendation and valuable contribution in the organization of the Convention, to make it a successful and memorable convention.

I would also like to thank this opportunity to convey my appreciation to our visitors, President of the California Lions Club, Don L. MacKinnon; the Board of Directors of the Lions Club International, President, Mr. D.C.V. Wilson and Governor of the District 306 A 1, Mr. V.K. Pullewar, for their valuable support and encouragement during the Convention.

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The Lions Gift of Sight Eye Hospital, Panadura

Millions worth of projects in 2017/2018

The Lions Gift of Sight Eye Hospital, Panadura (LGOSHP) is the largest eye-care facility in the country and is managed by the Lions Clubs International District 306 A 1 under the auspices of the Gift of Sight Trust Board. The Hospital is registered as a Private Hospital by the Private Health Services Regulatory Council, Ministry of Health and has obtained the Environmental Protection License issued by the Central Environment Authority.

Our hospital is in its 20th year and has been successful in fulfilling its mission to provide eye care services to people in need. The Hospital has a state-of-the-art facility with the latest equipment and technology. It offers a wide range of services including cataract surgery, laser vision correction, corneal transplant, and glaucoma treatments. The hospital also provides a comprehensive range of other services such as ophthalmic medicine, optometry, and corneal banking.

Our mission is to provide quality eye care services to people of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds. We work closely with local NGOs and government agencies to ensure that our services are accessible to all.

In summary, the Lions Gift of Sight Eye Hospital, Panadura continues to provide quality eye care services to people in need. Our dedication to this mission is reflected in the many success stories we have shared with our patients and the community.

Lions Clubs International
District 306 A 1 - Sri Lanka
13th Annual District Convention
Saturday May 12, 2018

“Together we made the difference”
Millions worth of projects in 2017/2018
Most Outstanding Sri Lankan Awards - 2018

Aith Gunasekara

Dr. Aith Gunasekara was an illustrious career in the field of Medicine. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Sri Lanka in 1987. The company had a brilliant career in Medicine and Surgery. He then pursued studies in the UK and Canada. Subsequently, he served as a consultant surgeon at several hospitals in the country. He was a prolific writer and published several articles in national and international journals.

Dr. Anil Abeywardana

Dr. Anil Abeywardana is a Board Certified Speciality Surgeon, who qualified from the University of Alberta and the University of Queensland in Canada. He is a consultant surgeon at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. He has been a part of several surgical teams that have performed successful operations in the country.

H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe

H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe is the Director General of Agriculture and Rural Development. He is a graduate of the University of Sri Lanka and has a Master's degree in Agriculture. He has a vast experience in the field of Agriculture, having served in various capacities in the government and private sectors.

Jayantha Chandrasiri

Jayantha Chandrasiri is a well-known personality in the film industry. He has directed and produced several successful films. He is a recipient of the 'Sri Lanka Film Award' and has been honored with several other awards in the film industry.

Kashif Chinthamani

Kashif Chinthamani is a well-known personality in the music industry. He has composed music for several successful films and has received several awards for his music.

Prasanna Brahmacara

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