

District Governor - Lion Ranjith Premalal MJF

Lion Ranjith Premalal is a distinguished old boy of Ananda Sasthralaya , Mathugama, one of the best schools in the Kalutara District. He proved his leadership qualities during the schooldays itself by leading the School's Debating Team admirably to win many a number of district awards in inter school competitions. He was actively involved in other activities too while excelling in athletics.

In 1977, he joined the Government Service, and was attached to the Department of Motor Traffic at Narahenpita and in 1991 he was promoted as the Chief Shroff in the Department of Provincial Commissioner of Motor Traffic – Western Province. During the period from 1991 to 2007 his commendable service in this highly public related department was appreciated not only by the public but also the Western Provincial Council. He has already completed 36 years of government service with an unblemished record and presently holds the position of Chief Management Assistant of the Ministry of Transport, Sports and Youth Activity, Art & Cultural Affairs, Co-operative & Rural Development (Western Province).

His Lionistic carrier started as a Charter Member of his great club the Lions Club of Veliveriya in 1999 and held every Key Position in the Club. He became the President of the Club in the Lionistic year 2002/2003 and since then has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Club.

Having noted and identified his capabilities and commitment to the movement he was invited by successive Governors during the period from 2003 to 2011 to join their District Cabinets offering portfolios such as Zone Chairperson, District Chairperson, District Coordinator, Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary. He has served in many Steering Committees as Chairman, Co-Chairman and Member. He proved his talent and capabilities as Steering Committee Secretary of the 5th Annual District Convention. His achievements throughout his lionistic carrier were exceptionally recognized when he was selected for the most prestigious award the "LION OF THE YEAR" which any lion can be proud of at the 2011/2012 convention.

Lion Ranjith was elected as Second Vice District Governor for the fiscal year 2012/2013 at the 7th Annual District Convention. The services to the cause of Lionism by Lion Ranjith were recognized by being awarded the International President's Appreciation Certificate and International Presidents Leadership Medal by International President Lion Eberhard J Wirf. He had been also recognized by International Presidents Lion Dr. Wing- Kun Tam, Lion Sid Scruggs 111 and Lion Wayne A. Madden by awarding him with the International Presidents Appreciation Certificates for the valuable services rendered to the movement.

He is one of the few Lions of our District who attended Senior Lions Leadership Institute

and awarded Senior Lions Leadership Medal and Certificate. He attended the number of Leadership Institutes in the Region & District and largely contributed his fare share to promote the District leaders. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Member of PIP Mahendra Amarasuriya Fellowship. Lion Ranjith is a Certified Guiding Lion. He had attended the International Conventions held in Osaka-Japan in 2002, Sydney-Australia in 2010 and Hamburg-Germany in 2013.

Lion Ranjith is married to an equally dedicated Lion Grace who is a retired Government Servant. She was the Deputy Secretary of the District Lion Ladies Committee for fiscal year 2009/2010 and presently serves as First Vice Patron of the District Lion Ladies Committee. They are blessed with two children, eldest daughter Hasini works in Banking Sector and younger son, Madusha is reading for his Masters in Engineering in Hertfordshire University-United Kingdom.