

LCIF ranked best NGO world wide

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Lions Clubs International Foundation was ranked best non-governmental organisation (NGO) world wide according to ratings compiled by the *Financial Times* in association with Daberg Global Development Advisers and the United Nations Global Compact.

The ranking assessed 34 global organisations ranked by 445 companies involved with NGOs and International Agencies.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was rated highly and ranked first for program execution, said LCIF Chairman and past international president, Lion Mahendra Amaruriya.



District Governors of 306 at the head table

He was delivering the keynote address at the "Lions as everyday Heroes" press conference held at Ceylon Continental Hotel last week.

Chairman Multiple Council 306, Lion Mahesh Pasqual said that in June 2008, it was announced to the world that Campaign Sight First II (CSFI) raised

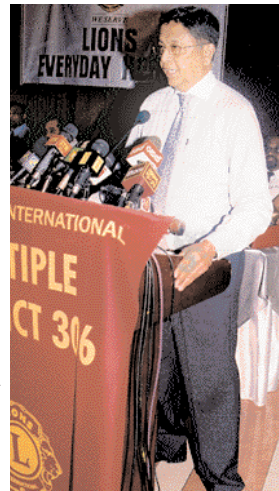
more than US dollars 200 million to help combat preventable and reversible blindness around the globe. This intensive fund-raising effort has made it possible for lions to continue LCIF's "Sight First Program".

Thanks to Lions' efforts, campaign 'Sight First' II has become the most successful fund-raising initiative in LCIF's history, Multiple Council, 306 Chairman Lion Mahesh Pasqual said.



Chairman, Multiple Council 306 Lion Mahesh Pasqual delivering the keynote address. Pictures by Beverley Janz

treatments for river blindness, built or expanded 300 hospitals/clinics/wards, trained 30 paediatric eye-care centers that have impacted the lives of 74 million children, 30 paediatric eye-care centers that have impacted the lives of 74 million children, eye care workers and village health workers, launched world's first ever



Past International President, Lion Mahendra Amaruriya addressing the press.



Lions joining the children in singing christmas carols are District Governor 306B1 Nimal Rajapaksa, First Lady Geetha, President Wattala Mid Town Lions Club, Noel Zahid, Wattala Classic Lions President Janaka Nugera, Zone Chairman, Lion Mevan Algama, Vice District Governor, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe, PMCC Lion S. Sivandana Region Chairman Dr. Seba Jayamaha and Treasurer, Wattala Lions Club, Mangala Rodrigo.

Wattala Lions Christmas treat for kids

The little ones of Wattala Kithunu Madyasthanaya were treated by Wattala Lions Zone 8, to a christmas party last week. It was

spearheaded by Zone Chairperson Lion Mevan Algama. The treat was organised by Lions Clubs of Wattala, Wattala Mid Town, Wattala Classic and Wat-

tala Alliance to celebrate the zone social.

The party was held at the Lions Wattala Vocational Training Centre, Hekitta, Wattala. School uniforms and

shoes were donated to 59 children.

In addition the children were treated to an evening of entertainment and food. It was a great evening of enter-



District Governor 306B1, Lion Nimal Rajapaksa presenting school books. Also present were Vice District Governor, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe and Region Chairman Dr. Seba Jayamaha.



Lion Udaya Kumara, District Coordinator, 306B1, presents a gift to a child. Pictures by Beverley Janz



Little ones presenting a dance item.

Kindelpitiya village upgraded by 306A2 Lions

A multi service project was held at Kindelpitiya village in Horana by Lions of District 306A2. District Governor, 306A2, Lion S. K. Karunasekera was the chief guest. Dry nations and blankets were

distributed to over 200 poor families. A computer was donated to the Daham school of the village District governor 306A2, Lion S. K. Karunasekera paid a tribute to Zone Chairman, Lion A. Abeywardene who organised the service projects.



District Governor 306A2, Lion S. K. Karunasekera presenting a computer to the Daham school. Looking on are First Lady Chandra and Zone Chairman Lion P. Abeywardene.



From left Leo Asitha, Leo Ricky, Leo Thiru, Leo Chathura, Leo Jeevani



Leos at the Walk

Leos walk to mark World Leos Day

The Leos of Multiple District 306 celebrated world Leos day on 5th December in grand style, when they conducted a publicity walk on 5th December starting Green Path Colombo 9 and ending at the Lions Activity Center Colombo 7. The walk was organised by the Leo Multiple District Council led by Multiple District President Leo Ricky Simms.

The sub-District Presidents made a large contribution in organising the event. The Leo Clubs of Colombo (Host), Polgasowita, Modara Mattakkuliya, Kandana Ja-ela, Kolonnawa and Mahanama College played a

big, role organising the walk which was followed by a Camp Fire at the Lions Activity Center. The camp fire was guided by Chief Guest PCC, Multiple District Council Chairman for Leos Lion Mohan De Silva. The walk saw more than 350 Leos parade the streets amidst Papare Bands, carrying flags and wearing caps with a message saying 'The Cry for Unity'. District, Club and other banners were also displayed publicizing the Leo Movement to the General Public. Several Leo Advisers and Lions too participated at the event. World Leo day is celebrated around the world on 5th December when Leos conduct various events to mark this special day.

Neptune Club 9th anniversary on grand scale

The 9th annual get-together of the Neptune Club took place at Beruwala last week, amidst a distinguished

gathering President, Neptune Club, D.C. Jayasinghe was the chief guest. All former General Managers of the hotel, members of the club and their families participated.

The highlight of the event was the planting of a mango tree by former General Managers of the hotel. A fund raising project, presentation of souvenirs to members of

the club, games for children and a "Pedara Party" were some of the highlights of the day's programme. The organising committee comprised of Sanath Pan-



Gemunu Gunawardene (second from right), Director, Aitken Spence plants a mango tree with senior members of the Neptune Club.



A clown entertains the little ones.

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