

## **District Governor Lion Ranjith Fernando**

At the invitation of Senior Lion Anura Mendis, Lion Ranjith Fernando was introduced to Lionism in 1995 while serving as the Branch Manager at Seylan Bank, Homagama. Throughout his distinguished banking career, Lion Ranjith held various roles at People's Bank before joining Seylan Bank.

He was instrumental in establishing the Leasing Unit at People's Bank. After numerous achievements in the banking sector and 25 years of service, Lion Ranjith ventured into the printing and packaging industry by starting his own business.

Lion Ranjith obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and is an Associate Member of the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka. He is also a finalist at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. Among his academic achievements are several programs and courses completed overseas, particularly in Japan and India.

He is the Immediate Past President of the MASCO (Management, Science, and Commerce faculty) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

With his extensive knowledge and experience in commerce and banking, Ranjith excelled in the printing industry. He was appointed President of the Sri Lanka Association of Printers, representing Sri Lanka at numerous international forums. He also represented the Printers Association at the Export Development Board, the Ministry of Industries, and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka (FCCISL).

He was on the advisory committee of the Export Development Board and held the position of Vice President of the Federation of Asia Print, representing eight countries in South Asia.

In 2008, Lion Ranjith assumed the presidency of the Lions Club of Homagama, elevating the club to second place in the district at the Annual Convention, where they won 14 awards, including Most Outstanding President of the Year.

Lion Ranjith expanded his involvement as an emerging Lion in 2007 upon receiving an invitation from PDG Lion Priyanka Badevithana to join as a Cabinet officer. He excelled as Convention Secretary in 2014/15 and made a significant impact as Installation Chairman in 2017 and 2020. He held several responsible positions in the district, including Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Editor of the District Directory, and Additional Cabinet Secretary. He also served as the News Bulletin Editor in 2010/11, 2013/14, and 2014/15. As Secretary in 2021/22, he introduced innovations such as transforming the Lions Directory into a plastic card that can be carried in a pocket.

A published author of four books, Ranjith has researched unorthodox topics like the "Correct Usage of the National Flag" and wrote "365 Days of Reflection" to combine his aesthetic skills with leadership support and motivation. His book "Basics of Etiquette" is widely known. His latest initiative, adhering to the 100-year theme "Where there is a need, there is a Lion," is a handbook titled "Successful Lionistic Year," considered a reference and operational manual by many senior Lions. The e-version of this publication has also gained popularity. His publication received international recognition, including the Leadership Medal of International President Douglas Alexander.

District Governor Ranjith Fernando participated in several leadership programs locally and overseas, graduating from the Faculty of Development Institute (FDI).

After successfully completing terms as FVDG and SVDG, Lion Ranjith became the District Governor for 2024/25 with the vision of "Together we Smile." Currently, he is an active member of the prestigious Lions Club of Maharagama Central. Before joining this club, he was a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Homagama Diamond.

He was also selected as the Multiple Council Secretary of District 306 for the year 2024/25 .

In his leisure time, he indulges in various hobbies, including researching new knowledge in Information Technology, including Artificial Intelligence, painting, calligraphy, photography, singing, reading, playing instruments, and writing books. He has also traveled to many countries, enjoying overseas experiences.

DG Ranjith is happily married to Lion Lady Sriyani, who is also a graduate of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. They are blessed with two daughters. Their elder daughter, Anupama, holds a post-graduate diploma from Harvard University, USA, and works in the field of Artificial Intelligence. Younger daughter Sewwandi is a graduate of the University of Staffordshire UK, and runs an online business under the name "The Idea Factory."