

Lions Quest: A comprehensive youth service initiative



Lions International President Mahendra Amarasuriya (extreme right) with District Governors Llon Mahesh Pasqual and Lion Lester Aponso with visiting top Lion lady from India and other Lions at the Lions Quest launch at the Holiday Inn in Colombo.

Pic by Dimuthu Premaratne

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Lions Quest is a comprehensive youth service initiative initiated by the Lions Clubs International Foundation which provides training to teachers and educators who work with children between the ages of 5-19.

Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, the International President of Lions Clubs International addressing a gathering at the introduction of the programme by Lions District 306 B 2 recently said that the Lions Quest programme has been successfully implemented in many countries around the world including India and 33,000 educators have reached 11 million young people in the world communicating in 20 languages.

Amarasuriya the first Sri Lankan to be elected to this coveted office said that this ambitious project will impart skills for the growing, skills for adolescence and skills for action and the curricula represents the most academically and practically sound programme developed after extensive research by

experts in the field of education, child development and drug prevention over the past 20 years.

He said "It is very good tool for skills development and develop self confidence and self esteem in the young adults. It is also a good prevention programme, and it will not just help children to say no, to negative influences, but also yes to healthy living, effective decision making and involvement in service to the community."

"Parent and family involvement have been a key to the success of the implementation of this program," he pointed out.

Lion MaheshC Pasqual MJF said that Due to various reasons this unique programme has not taken root in Sri Lanka but our neighbours India has made headway with it.

"The so called cultural revolution has created a situation in some parts of the world where children are ignorant about the values in the society,"

Pasqual said.

"Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya said Judging by what is happening today the students in private schools in Sri Lanka are more receptive to drugs and alcohol but the situation is different in the government schools."

In America around 800-900 teachers have been trained on this programme but it has not got off the ground he said.

Already Quest Foundations have been established in India, Pakistan in Latin American countries and a number of African countries. The programme has helped many young people across the globe to say no to drugs and alcohol Amarasuriya noted.

Lion Lester Aponso said that a series of work shops would be held in order to train the teachers on the programme and they would be training the children. In addition it will help the teachers develop their teaching skills and enhance their knowledge on the subject he pointed out.

'Maha Ravana' Ballet

The premier of the 'Maha Ravana' ballet, directed by Pabalu Wijegunawardene and presented by the Deepasika Institute will be staged at the John de Silva Memorial Hall on Friday 30 May, at 6.15 pm.

The theme of this ballet is based on the epic Ramayana written by Valmeekiee.

The cast consists of 40 persons with the main roles of Rama, Seetha and Ravana Portrayed by Hasanga Weerakoon, Mihiri Weeratne and Kumudu Nishantha respectively.

'Maha Ravana' is Pabalu Wijegunawardene's second creation after his first drama 'Iriss' staged two years ago.

Tickets will be available at the gate. For seating arrangements, call 2604563 or 2615258.



A scene from the 'Maha Ravana' Ballet



Mihiri Weeratne as Sitha Devi



Indrajith in 'Maha Ravana'



Yasamali Perera

Donation of wheel chairs to difficult areas by 'Arogya' Foundation



Under the concept of assisting handicapped persons living in difficult areas in the island, wheel chairs were distributed at Purana Raja Maha Vihara, Kahawatte, Beliatta, Hambantota. Wheel chairs donated by "Arogya" Foundation for Handicapped persons by Buddhist philanthropists from Singapore Goh Kim Hua and Madam sng Choon Eng and other Singaporean philanthropists under the guidance of the Chief incumbent of Thalagala Mangalamaya, Most Venerable Thalagala Sumanaratne thero, were distributed according to the exhortation of the Chief incumbent of Purana Raja Maha Vihara, Kahawatte, Beliatta, Deputy Principal and the President of Shasanarakshaka Executive Council Ven. Watarakgoda Gnanasiri thero, Lecturer, Gangodawila Subadhrarama Pirivena, Ven, Omare Pungnasiri thero and the chief incumbent of Maharagama Pathiragoda Nalandarama Shasthrapathi Ven.. Thalapatthiye Pungnyaloka Thero. The Director General of "Arogya" Foundation for Handicapped persons Ven. Unapana Ariyadhamma thero was also present on this occasion. The chief incumbent of Purana Raja Maha Vihara Ven. Watarakgoda Gnanasiri there was kind enough to meet the entire cost of transportation of these wheel chairs from Colombo to Beliatta..

TV GUIDE

ART TV

A.M.	06.30 World Business Today	03.30 Business International
07.00	The State of Business	04.30 Fraggie Rock
07.15	Life Line	04.57 State of Business (3 min)
07.30	Anderson Cooper 360	05.00 Telesen Marketing
08.30	World News	05.30 World News
09.00	World Sport	05.57 State of Business (3 min)
09.30	Quantum Tele Shopping	06.00 Telesen Marketing
09.57	State of Business (3 min)	06.30 World News Asia
10.00	Telesen Marketing	07.00 Top 10 Hits
10.30	CNN Today	07.45 Your World Today
10.57	State of Business (3 min)	08.15 The State of Business
11.30	CNN Today	08.30 Kids Say Darndest
11.57	State of Business (3 min)	08.55 Life Line
12.00	Telesen Marketing	08.57 State of Business (3 min)
P.M.		09.00 CSI Vegas
12.30	Business International	09.57 State of Business (3 min)
12.57	State of Business (3 min)	10.00 Larry King Live
01.00	Quantum Teleshopping	11.00 State of Business
01.30	World News	M.N.
01.57	State of Business (3 min)	12.00 World Business Today
02.30	Larry King Live	

ITN

A.M.	04.30 Station Opening	02.30 Geheniya
04.35	Pirith Deshanaya	03.00 Peyen Peya Puwath
04.42	Jayamangala Gatha	03.03 Telesen Marketing
04.46	Davase Sithuvilli	03.30 Mouse TV
04.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna	04.00 Peyen Peya Puwath
05.00	Thakshilawa	04.03 Kekulu Kodawwa
06.00	ITN Puwath	04.30 Deduru Hendewa
06.15	Davase Pathihara	05.00 Lama Puwath
06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna	05.15 Deduru Hendewa (Contd.)
07.00	Hathveni Peya - Live	05.25 Theruwan Namadimu
08.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	06.00 News - Tamil
08.05	Pahan Dora Magazine	06.30 Denumai Vasanaival
08.30	Valdya Sayanaya	07.00 News - Sinhala
08.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna	07.30 Mulhu Kirilli
09.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	08.00 Paba
09.05	Saimal Yaya	08.30 Battli
10.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	09.00 News - Sinhala
10.05	Nimithra	09.20 Police Diary
11.30	Quantum Tele Shopping	09.50 News - English
12.00	Noon News	10.05 Biz News
P.M.		10.10 Thulawa
12.30	Amaya	11.30 Musical Programme
12.00	Tele Drama	M.N.
01.30	Heddisa Hendesa	12.00 News Sinhala



The Bold & The Beautiful - Monday to Wednesday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. on ETV.

ETV

A.M.	06.00 Prime Time Morning	12.00 Chanel News Asia
06.55	Lanka Business Online	12.30 Telemarketing
07.01	Money Report	01.00 VHI Specials
07.30	Chanel News Asia	02.00 Record Breakers
09.00	Money Report	03.00 Telemarketing
09.30	Chanel News Asia	03.30 Chanel News Asia
10.00	Telemarketing	04.30 Telemarketing
10.30	Chanel News Asia	05.00 Cartoon
11.00	Telemarketing	06.00 Chanel News Asia
P.M.		07.00 VHI
		07.55 Lanka Business Online

SIRASA TV

A.M.	04.30 Pirith & Jayamangala Gatha	05.30 KVT
05.00	Bana	06.00 Magic Box
05.30	Cartoon	06.30 Tharumansala
06.00	English Lesson	07.00 News 1st
06.30	News First	07.30 Pathini
07.00	Cartoon	08.00 Mahagedara
07.30	Sonic	08.30 Kindurangana
08.00	Jeevithayata Ida Denna	09.00 Praveena
10.30	Rasala Rasak	09.30 Kawya
11.00	Diganthaya	10.00 News 1st
12.00	Lunch Time News	10.30 Final Cut
P.M.		10.45 Nidahasa
12.15	Lunch Time TV	11.15 IPL Cricket H/L
01.00	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni	Noon
01.30	Sinhala Movie	12.00 Diganthaya

MTV

A.M.	05.25 Station Opening	01.15 Fly Tales
05.30	Voice of America	01.30 IPL Cricket H/L
06.30	News First	02.30 VOA
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka	03.00 Music Programme
08.00	VOA	03.30 Tyra
08.00	Fox News	04.30 Prof. Bubble
09.00	Entertainment Tonight	05.00 Franny's Fest
11.00	VOA	05.30 Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd
P.M.		06.00 Voice of America
12.30	News First	07.00 Drive
12.45	VOA	07.30 Nothing Personal
		08.00 IPL Cricket Tournament

DERANA

A.M.	05.55 Station Opening	12.30 Sathulu Wila
06.00	Carloon	01.30 Sinhala Songs
07.00	Derana Aruna	03.00 Mix Songs
08.00	Sikuru Senasuru	04.00 Dragon Tales
08.30	Eka Davasak Ude	04.30 Derana Cartoon
10.30	Swaranjali	05.00 Kela Olumna
11.00	Sihil Sulan Ralle	05.30 Punch Tharuwak Samaga
P.M.		06.00 Derana Juke Box
12.00	Mid Day News	07.00 Bollywood Show
12.30	Sinhala Songs	07.30 Lanka Soy Rasa Meevitha
		08.00 Ada Derana



Saturday 16th May @ 9.00 p.m. Repeat on Following Saturday @ 2.00 p.m.



Avatar - Saturday at 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Sundays at 8.30 a.m. on ETV

SHAKTHI TV

A.M.	06.00 Breakfast News	01.00 Modiya Salthigal
06.15	Filler	01.15 Movie
06.30	Good Morning Sri Lanka	04.00 X-men
06.45	News Paper Today	04.30 My Dear Bootham
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka	05.00 Thunder Cats
08.30	Meendum Meendum	05.30 Kutys Choice
09.00	Super 10	06.00 Padhu Padal
09.30	Iyakunor Parvai	06.30 Kolangal
10.00	Nimmathi	07.00 Muhurtham
10.30	Pukundha Veedu	07.30 Anjali
11.00	Porandha Veedu	07.45 Headline News
11.30	Kasturi	08.00 News 1st
12.00	Penmanikkaga	08.30 Selvi
P.M.		09.00 News 1st (English)
12.30	Penggal Neram	09.30 Lakshmi
		10.00 Malargal
		10.30 Nanjam Marappathilal
		11.30 Putham Puthusa

SWARNAVAHINI

A.M.	06.00 Eri Passiko	03.00 Gauthami
06.30	Mul Piltusa	04.00 Nilanjana
07.00	Loka Sithiyama	05.30 Mini Toons
07.30	Ugly Ducklings	06.00 Musik
08.00	Hello Sri Lanka	06.30 Night Learners
10.30	Apooru Sahodaraaya	07.00 Hathata Hithata
11.00	Mahajana	07.00 Hadawathata
11.30	Sewaya	07.30 Jeevithaya Lassanal
Noon		08.00 Live @ 8
P.M.		08.30 Pethi Anulana Mal
		12.00 Diriya Doni
		09.30 Hathdinnath Thary

CHANNEL EYE

A.M.	06.29 Station Opening	01.00 Sahana
06.30	Talk for the Day	01.30 Afternoon News (Tamil)
06.44	Nethra Logo	01.45 Tamil Feature Film
06.45	Classical Songs	04.00 Tamil Musical
07.00	Jayawiru & Surasetha	04.30 Stage Drama
07.15	Shanida Vasanava	05.00 Cartoon
07.30	Natedugalli Intru	05.30 Super Top 10
08.00	Salanam	06.00 Golden Hit Songs
08.30	Kalai Wanakkam	06.30 Natanjali
09.30	Udaya Darshanam	07.00 News & Weather Report
11.00	Kanar Kanum Kalangal	07.30 Kalki
11.30	Comedy	08.00 Kanar Kanum Kalangal
Noon		08.30 Sadagalathanna
12.00	Lunch Time Music	09.00 News & Weather Report
P.M.		09.00 Documentary
		10.00 Rosewell
		11.00 End of Transmission

RUPAVAHINI

A.M.	05.18 Station Opening	02.05 A Documentary
05.20	Homage to the Triple Gem	02.30 Adventure Series
05.30	& Karaniya Melita Sutta	03.00 News (Sinhala)
05.45	Dina Asriya	03.05 Sanda Nimnaya
06.00	News	04.00 News
06.05	Deshabhimani Gi	04.05 Sanda Nimnaya
06.08	Sivudesa	05.00 News
06.30	Paththara Sirasithala	05.05 Tikiri, Brum & Kolkittu
07.00	News	05.30 William Tell
07.05	Aadaraneeya Yavuvanaya	06.00 News
08.00	Nuga Sevana	06.05 Wooly & Mee Massi
08.05	Headline News	06.30 Ekama Ratak Ekama
09.05	Nuga Sevana	07.00 News Travel
10.00	News	07.29 Headline News
10.05	Nuga Sevana	07.30 Fingara Sportz
11.00	News	08.00 News (Sinhala)
11.05	Nuga Sevana Contd.	08.30 Pasubima
11.30	Ithi Alhu	08.35 Chandra Vinsathi
Noon		09.05 Vasana Sampatha
12.00	Vasantha Kusalana	09.14 Jayda Lottery
P.M.		09.30 Nim Walala
12.30	News	10.00 News
		10.20 Jana Mathaya
		M.N.