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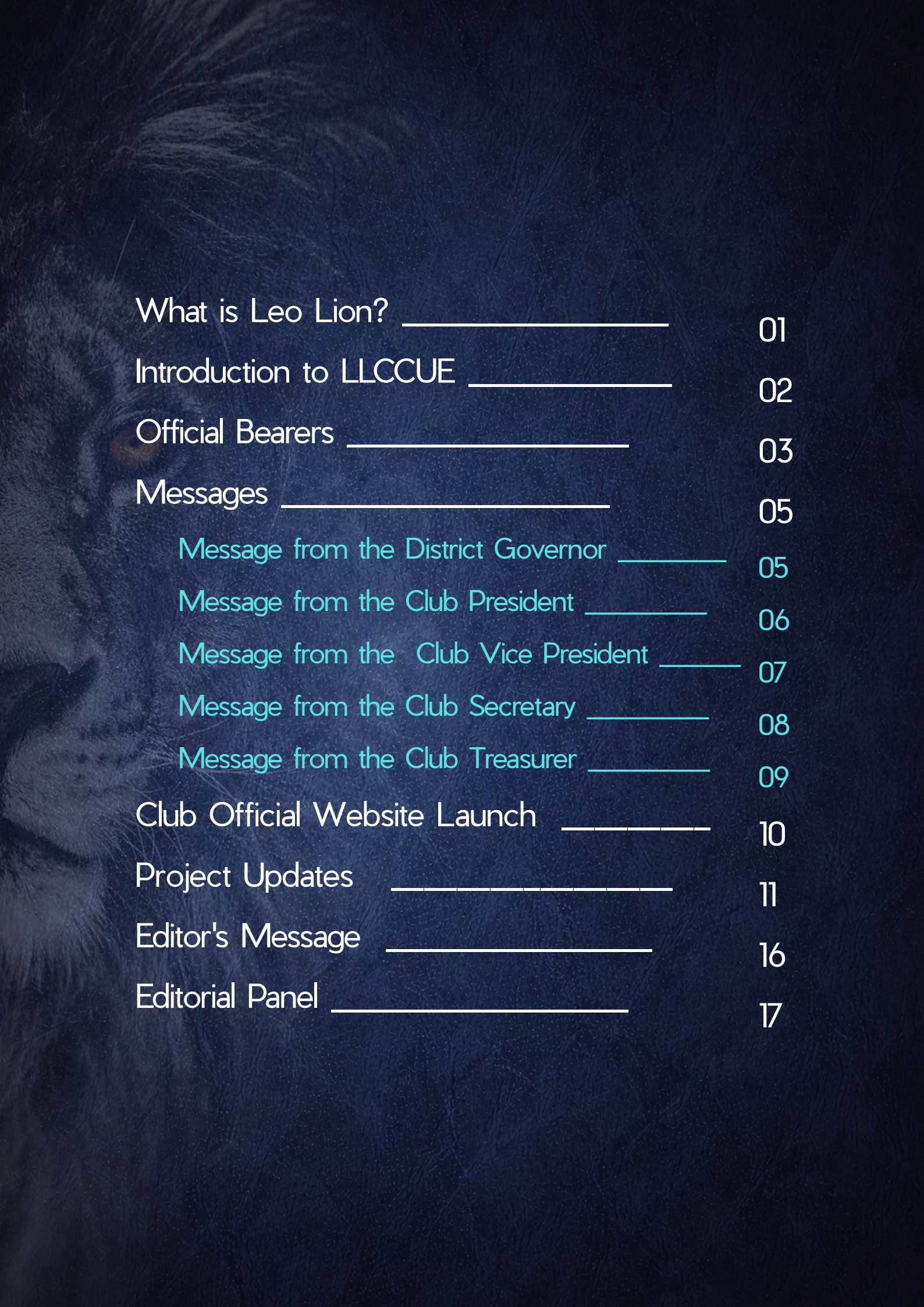


Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence



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For the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence, this dual identity is not just a title; it is the very foundation of our organization. Our club is built on this progressive model, and our leadership proudly embodies this modern approach to service.

By operating as a Leo Lions Club, we are uniquely positioned to blend youthful agility with mature strategic planning. Being a Leo-Lion today means driving digital transformation, modern executive strategies, and sustainable impact into traditional community service. It is about honoring the century-old legacy of Lionism while architecting its future.

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# Message from the **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Leading the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence is both a privilege and a profound responsibility. As I look at where we stand today, I am filled with immense pride, not just for the projects we have successfully completed, but for the spirit of brotherhood and resilience that defines our membership. We have set ambitious goals for ourselves, and it is your unwavering commitment that turns those visions into reality.

Service is a journey that requires us to be adaptable, innovative, and compassionate. Every challenge we face is an opportunity to grow, and every service we perform leaves a lasting mark on our community. I encourage each of you to keep pushing the boundaries of what is possible. Let us continue to move forward with a unified purpose, confident that our collective efforts are paving the way for a brighter, more impactful future.

**LION GAYA UPASENA PMJF MAF SLF  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
LIONS DISTRICT 306 D7**

# Message from The **DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

It is with immense pride that I address the members of the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence in this inaugural edition of your newsletter. Since your Charter Installation, your club has consistently demonstrated what it means to lead with vision and serve with unwavering purpose.

As the Leo District President of 306 D7, I am thrilled to see a newly chartered club taking such proactive strides. You have already made a tangible, multi-faceted impact on our community. Your unique identity as a Leo Lions Club perfectly bridges the dynamic energy of the Leo movement with the strategic excellence of Lionism.

A club newsletter is a powerful tool; it not only documents your legacy but also amplifies your voice across the district. I commend the Club President, the Board of Officials, and the editorial team for their dedication in bringing this publication to life.

Continue to push boundaries, embrace innovation, and uphold your powerful mandate to Lead, Serve, and Uplift.

**LEO LION HANSATHI IMETHMA FLM  
DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
LEO DISTRICT 306 D7**





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**LEO LION ANUK NISALITHA  
CLUB PRESIDENT**

# Message from The **CLUB** **VICE PRESIDENT**

The strength of any great organization lies in its ability to turn vision into action, and that is exactly what I see happening in our club every day. My role is to support our leadership and, more importantly, to support you—the members who are on the ground making a difference. Seeing our plans come to life through your hard work and creativity is the most rewarding part of this journey.

As we continue to navigate the year, my focus remains on strengthening our internal operations and ensuring that every member feels empowered to contribute. We are building something lasting here, and your energy is the driving force behind it. Let us remain focused on our objectives, support one another through every endeavor, and continue to uphold the high standards of Uptown Eminence.

**LEO LION VIHANDU WANNIARACHCHI**  
**CLUB VICE PRESIDENT**



# Message from the **CLUB SECRETARY**



It is with great pleasure that I present this edition of our club newsletter. In the fast-paced world of service and leadership, it is easy to overlook how much we actually achieve. This publication serves as a pause—a moment to reflect on our milestones, celebrate our successes, and document the history we are writing together.

My duty is to ensure that our story is told clearly and that our connections remain strong. Communication is the lifeline of our club, and through these pages, we hope to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired. I want to thank the editorial team and every member who contributed to this release. I hope reading this reminds you of the incredible impact you are part of.

**LEO LION THUSAL RANAWAKA  
CLUB SECRETARY**

# Message from The **CLUB TREASURER**

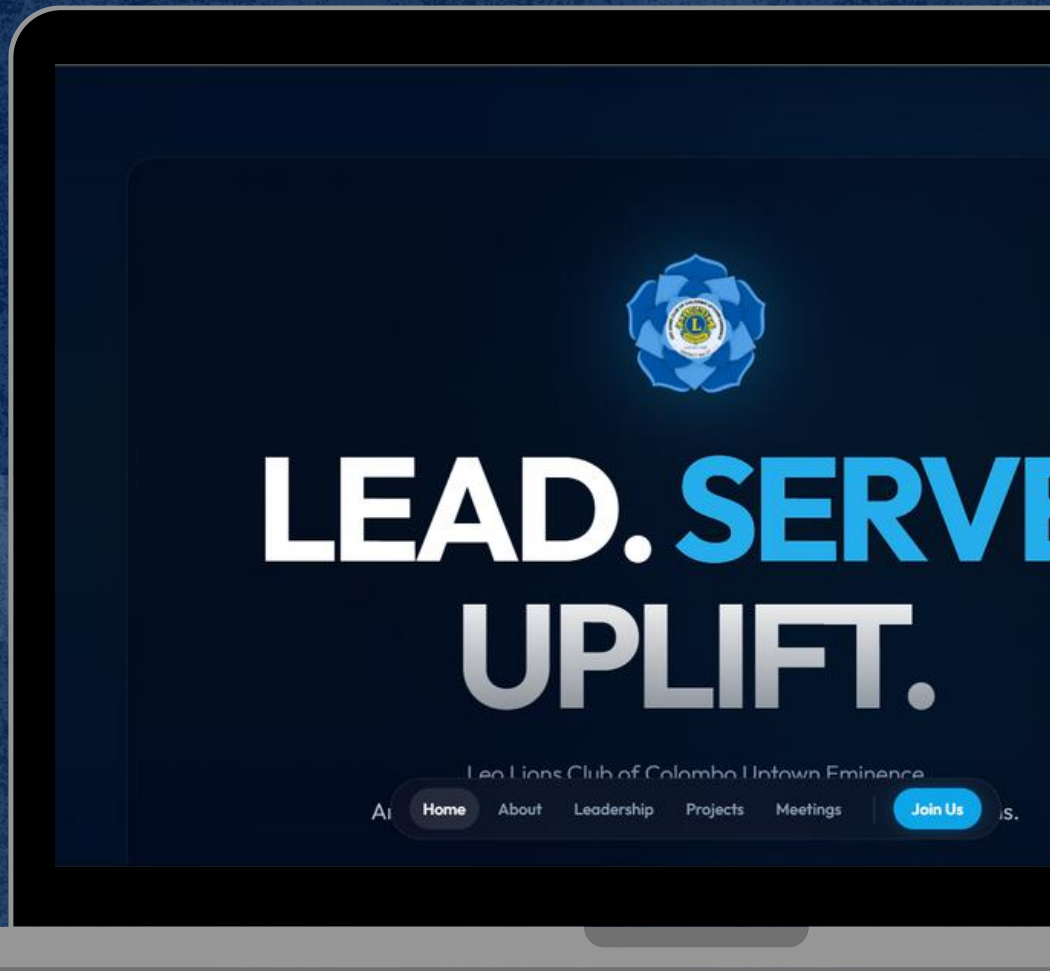
Financial integrity is the backbone of sustainable service. As we execute our projects, my priority is to ensure that our club stands on a solid foundation of transparency and accountability. Every contribution we receive and every rupee we spend is managed with the utmost care, ensuring that our resources are directed exactly where they are needed most—to serve our community.

I am proud to report that our financial health remains strong, thanks to the prudent planning of our committees and the trust placed in us by our donors and well-wishers. We will continue to treat our resources with the respect they deserve, ensuring that we can support our club's ambitious vision not just for today, but for the years to come.

**LEO LION RINOSHI NIHARA**  
**CLUB TREASURER**



# Official Club WEBSITE



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In the life of every service organization, there is one moment that defines its identity—a moment where vision transitions into reality. For the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence, that moment was Aurum'25, our official Charter Installation Ceremony.

# Aurum'25

The event was not merely a formal gathering but a historic milestone that marked our entry into District 306 D7. The name "Aurum"—Latin for gold—perfectly encapsulated the spirit of the evening: setting a gold standard for leadership, service, and excellence. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as the club's inaugural Board of Officials prepared to take their oaths, pledging to uphold the values of the Leo movement.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presence of our Chief Guest, First Vice District Governor Lion Chandika Dedigama. In a symbolic and emotional handover, Club President Leo Lion Anuk Nisalitha was officially appointed as the Charter President, cementing the club's status within the global Lions network. This handover represented more than just a position; it was the entrustment of a legacy to a new generation of leaders.

Further elevating the event, appreciation pins were awarded to the top board members, recognizing the tireless work that went into the club's formation. As the evening concluded, it was clear that Aurum'25 was just the beginning. The foundation has been laid, the leaders are in place, and the journey of Uptown Eminence has officially begun.



# BRAND BOOST 360



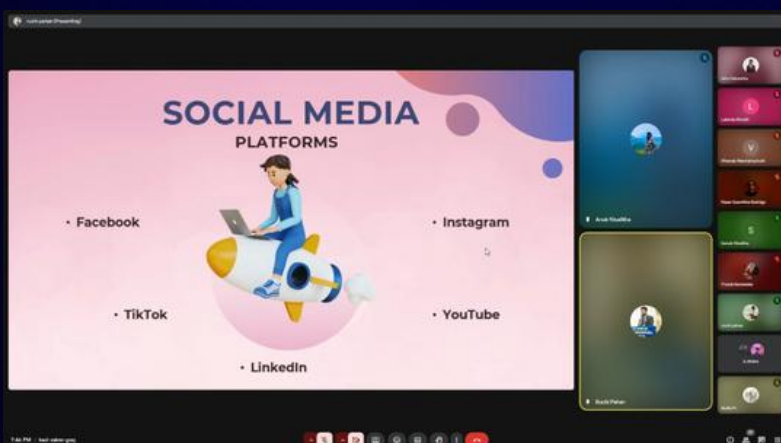
In today's hyper-connected world, a robust digital presence is no longer a luxury for entrepreneurs—it is a necessity. Recognizing this shift, the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence launched BRANDBOOST360, a strategic initiative designed to demystify the complexities of digital marketing and empower the next generation of business leaders.

This project was a testament to the power of collaboration within our movement. Executed in partnership with the Leo Club of St. Joseph's College Anuradhapura and the Lions Club of Anuradhapura City, BRANDBOOST360 bridged geographical divides to deliver high-value knowledge. By uniting clubs from different regions, we demonstrated that the thirst for knowledge and the drive for professional growth are universal among our youth.



The session was spearheaded by Leo Lion Pahan Ruchiranga, a subject matter expert who guided participants through the essentials of online branding and market positioning. The curriculum went beyond theory, offering practical insights into how young entrepreneurs can leverage digital tools to scale their ventures. Participants left not just with information, but with an actionable roadmap to enhance their personal and professional brands.

BRANDBOOST360 stands as a clear indicator of Uptown Eminence's commitment to professional development. By equipping our community with these modern skills, we are ensuring that our youth are not just participants in the digital economy, but leaders within it.





# BEACH *Campaign* CLEAN UP

As an island nation, our coastlines are not just geographical boundaries; they are vital ecosystems that sustain life and define our beauty. Recognizing the urgent need to protect these natural treasures, the members of the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence mobilized for a major Coastal Preservation initiative at Wellawatta Beach.

The Beach Cleanup project was born out of a commitment to environmental stewardship and a refusal to remain passive in the face of pollution. On the day of the project, our members traded their formal attire for gloves and trash bags, combing the shoreline to remove plastic waste, debris, and non-biodegradable materials that threaten marine life. The sight of young leaders working shoulder-to-shoulder under the sun sent a powerful message to the local community: change requires action, not just words.

However, the impact of this project extended far beyond the immediate removal of waste. It served as a live awareness campaign, highlighting the fragility of our coastal ecosystems and the human responsibility to preserve them. By physically engaging with the environment, the club demonstrated that true service often requires getting one's hands dirty.

This initiative at Wellawatta was a reaffirmation of our pledge to the planet. It stands as a reminder that every piece of plastic removed is a victory for our environment, and every step taken on that beach was a step toward a cleaner, greener Sri Lanka.



# SUWADIVI

Restoring Dignity Through Care: The Transformation of Project Suwadiwi

Service, at its core, is about identifying needs that often go unnoticed and stepping in to fill the gap with compassion. With Project Suwadiwi, the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence directed its focus toward one of the most vulnerable segments of our society: the patients of the Ayurvedic Hospital in Rajagiriya.

The initiative was centered on a comprehensive renovation of the Paralyzed Patients' Ward—a space where environment plays a crucial role in the healing process. Led by the exemplary leadership of Project Chairperson Leo Lion Rinoshi Nihara, who was subsequently recognized as the Lion of the Month for her dedication, the team embarked on a mission to transform the ward's atmosphere.

The project involved extensive repainting and refurbishment, tasks that went far beyond simple maintenance. The goal was to strip away the clinical, often dreary aesthetic and replace it with a brighter, cleaner, and more uplifting environment. For patients confined to the ward, often for long durations, these surroundings significantly impact their mental well-being and dignity.

By revitalizing this infrastructure, Uptown Eminence provided more than just fresh paint; we provided a renewed sense of hope. The team worked tirelessly to ensure the renovation was completed to the highest standard, reflecting our belief that every individual deserves to be cared for in a space that respects their humanity. Project Suwadiwi stands as a touching reminder that sometimes, the most powerful medicine we can offer is the comfort of a caring environment.



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Education is often described as the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. However, for many students, the path to academic success is hindered not by a lack of capability, but by a lack of basic resources. With the launch of Danumata Athwalak, the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown Eminence took a decisive step to remove these barriers and empower the next generation of learners.

This community-focused initiative was designed with a clear and noble objective: to provide essential stationery items to underprivileged schoolchildren who struggle to afford the tools necessary for their education. The project was expertly coordinated by Leo Lion Gayan Danasiri, whose exceptional leadership and logistical precision in executing this drive earned him the title of Lion of the Month for December 2025.

Under his guidance, the team identified deserving students and organized the distribution of high-quality stationery packs. These were not just handouts; they were toolkits for success. By ensuring that every child has a notebook to write in and a pen to express their ideas, the club addressed a fundamental need that directly impacts classroom performance and self-esteem.

Danumata Athwalak represents more than just a donation drive; it is an investment in the future intellect of our nation. By alleviating the financial burden on families and equipping students with the right tools, Uptown Eminence is helping to level the playing field. This project stands as a testament to our belief that every child, regardless of their background, deserves the opportunity to learn, dream, and succeed.



# EDITOR'S NOTE

It is with great pride that we present this edition of *Eminence*, the official Club Newsletter of the Leo Lions Club of Colombo Uptown *Eminence*. This edition reflects the passion, dedication, and service-driven spirit that define our club. Within these pages, we share the projects we have carried out, the impact we strive to create in our community, and the unity that guides our journey.

This publication comes to life under the inspiring guidance and leadership of our Club President Leo Lion Anuk Nisalitha, whose vision and encouragement continue to motivate us to reach greater heights. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every member who contributed their time, creativity, and commitment to make this milestone possible.

As we begin this meaningful journey, may *Eminence* serve as a symbol of our achievements and an inspiration for continued service, fellowship, and growth in the years ahead.

**LEO LION KASUNI APSARA  
CLUB EDITOR**

# PROOF READERS



**Leo Lion Anuk Nisalitha**  
**President**



**Leo Lion Thusal Ranawaka**  
**Secretary**

# EDITOR



**Leo Lion Kasuni Apsara**

The background is a dark, blurred night photograph of a city skyline. A prominent feature is a tall, illuminated tower with a purple and green spherical top section, resembling the Oriental Pearl Tower. The lights are out of focus, creating a bokeh effect.

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