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Sabra Leos

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and
learning
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indispensable
to each other.**

-John F. Kennedy

**“LEAD
WITHOUT
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OF SRI LANKA



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL,
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LEO CLUB OF SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Leo club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka is an Omega Club which belongs to district 306C2. Club was chartered by Leo Ajith Kumara who was the president of the club for the Leostic year 2016/17. He and his team kept the first step to establish the Leo club at Sabaragamuwa University. Due to unavoidable reasons, the club went inactive. However, history repeated itself. Going inactive was not a full stop. A bunch of young energy turns full stop to a comma. With the vision of "To build inspired citizens who lift up the community by serving others while blooming themselves", the Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was re-established under the leadership of Leo Prasangi Samarasinghe for the Leostic year 2020/21. The team made a remarkable year for the club and successfully completed the year 2020/21.

Another year has started to show the spirit of young blood of the Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University with the experiences gained through past year and with characteristics which are unique to them. The courage and the determination we have will lead the club to a next level which proves we have nurtured through what we learnt.

LEO CLUB OF SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY

Under the leadership of our club President Leo Ashen Jayathunga we as Leos always abide to serve the community, flora and fauna, and all terms of living, non-living creatures.

The journey continues with lot of expectations and with the commitment to make them a reality in 2021/22 leostic year.

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Leo Kasun Mahindaratna
Research and Development Officer



Leo Ashen Jayathunga

Say Hello to the World of Sabra Leos.

Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was one of the biggest headlines in the university last year. The club's revolutionary arrival paved the path for hundreds of undergraduates to grab opportunities.

I firmly believe that the Leo Club has opened up a whole new platform for the university undergraduates to unleash the potential leaders within.

Since the re initiation of the club, the members volunteered enthusiastically to drive the club for the betterment. After taking a head start under the theme of "Rising as a Phoenix", now all set for the second year to "Lead without Title". We are there to make authentic leaders who see the world from a whole new perspective which helps to make a clear difference.

As Sabra Leos, our commitment is to build inspired citizens who lift the community by serving others while blooming themselves. Join with us to move forward. A Brand-New Journey Starts Today.

If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets, even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

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The world is an unintelligible place. No one knows what happens next. 7.9 billion people play their role in this world while chasing their dreams.

Leadership is a common topic where most people are subjected to be discussed. Anyone can be a leader. But "EVERYONE" cannot be a great leader.

As Martin Luther King Jr mentioned, you don't need to have the biggest title or position to do your duties and tasks. At present, most people are reluctant to continue duties since the loss of positions, allowances, recognition, and titles. But if someone continuing the journey to be a great leader, he or she should be authentic and genuine to consider the factors of serving others while grooming themselves in a meaningful way while neglecting the invisible recognition.

That's why we, Sabra Leos came up with the year theme for the Leostic Year 2021/22 as "Lead Without Title" to spread the importance of leading the world without titles.

NEWSLETTER THEME

for the Year 2021/22

STEER will be continuing for this new Leostic year particularly towards International Days that have been declared in the United Nations (UN) calendar. UN designates special days each with a topic in order to make aware and take actions addressing the issues. The special days declared by UN gives opportunities to aware the public and solve issues related to those themes in an effective manner because it allows to address a particular issue to a considerable depth. Internal peace, sustainable development, human rights, international law and humanitarian actions are the major fields that can be identified as per the UN calendar.

Team STEER aims to make aware and provide solutions through novel ideas for the particular issues in association with selected days. For each month we identify some imperative international days and publish impressive articles of our members. Stay Tuned with STEER 2021/22....



Ongoing Club Projects

Installation Ceremony

As Sabra Leos, we are going to create a path for another greatest Leostic year 2021/22 by getting all the experience got throughout the past year. Under the theme of "Hall of Fame 2021" with the chief guest of PDG Dr. Lasantha Goonewardena MJF District Chairman for Leos, the Installation Ceremony took place through the virtual platform on 1st of August 2021 at 7.00 p.m. and it is our pleasure to have PDG Dr. Lasantha Goonewardena as the chief guest for this grand event. By meeting called to order by chairperson, it started with the leadership of current president Leo Ashen Jayathunga. The Aim of the Installation Ceremony was to appoint appropriate leaders who are willing to work for the betterment of the country and community with the young strength, capabilities, and power. There was a special guest performer who performed on this fabulous night The Voice Sri Lanka contestant, Madhuka Wijesinghe in the entertainment event of this ceremony. It was a very successful celebratory event for Sabra Leos for another Leostic year and importantly, by coming across so many obstacles, challenges and barriers of this current pandemic situation it was ended up with so many wishes, appreciations and congratulations from Lions, visiting Leos, academic staff and the audience.



HARAYA

If we look into the young generation in Sri Lanka, we can realize that they are not having a sound knowledge importantly on cores pertain to their respective religions. So, they are demonstrating a low understanding as to how to make the maximum application of such cores into their lives to reach their betterment of the future.

Hence, this project called "Haraya" was implemented by focusing on organizing a virtual program inviting five resource persons who represent different religions exist within the country to educate youth on the importance of complying with such philosophies to attain a better lifestyle. Especially, this session not only emphasizes one religion but addresses multiple religions also which can be seen currently within the

country because our youth is a collection of individuals from different religions. We conducted this session on the 1st of July 2021 spending around two hours via zoom. Dhamma Deshana was equipped with Theros, Fathers, Clergies, Professors, and Lecturers who have the required knowledge to deliver an exclusive comprehension of these religions. As well as, we invited few lecturers to moderate the session. There were many who joined us in making this event a great success ultimately and also, we are grateful for them.



MEMORY CLICKS

Life is regarded to be a collection of memories. Among them, beautiful memories spent with friends are like an invaluable gift that lasts forever. Thus, with the objective of opening up a way for people to take themselves through their own memorable instances with friends around, we came up with this idea to organize a memory clicks competition where individuals were required to send us a collection of photographs along with a caption. If we look into the project execution, we initially shared a Google form to get our competitors registered. After receiving photographs of competitors, we created separate videos for each contestant and uploaded them into Sabra Leo official Facebook page where the public was invited to put likes and also share the videos which they would be attracted towards the most. The interesting fact is that 4 individuals who gain the highest number of likes and shares were gifted Rs. 3000 worth three-course grand lunch/dinner experiences each from the one and only Games of Thrones Regime at “Land of Kings” café and restaurant. The winners of this competition respectively were M.D.U. Jayawardhana, Rohith Thambawita, Rumeka Perera and Kavindya Weerasinghe. So, we were able to complete the project successfully.

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LAST YEAR CLUB PROJECTS

The project "Singithma" principally focused on reopening a Maternity Clinic located in the area called Pambahinna, Belihuloya which had been closed for more than 10 years. Hence, the reopening of this particular Maternity Clinic opened the doors for a greater number of individuals to ensure their necessities being satisfied. We decided to conduct a shramadana campaign and an exclusive repairing process in order to reconstruct this recognized Maternity Clinic in an acceptable manner with the involvement of club members. Adequate funds were raised with the help of the public and sponsorships in purchasing required equipment and renovating the whole building along with its premises. Finally, we were able to successfully reopen this Maternity Clinic on 6th April 2021 with the participation of the Leos of Sabaragamuwa University, guests, and the pregnant mothers living within that village. All the guests and pregnant mothers, at last, presented their appreciation to Sabra Leos for making an immense contribution to reopen this Maternity Clinic. This was a great opportunity for the club to convince how Leos are committed and passionate about working on extraordinary projects like this.

Project Singithma
Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka



New Year Gift Campaign

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has unfavorably impacted many individuals being subjected to struggle for sustaining their lives resulting from losing their major income sources. Therefore as an emerging club, we took a step forward by coming up with a gift campaign to lend our helping hand towards such identified low-level income families who are suffering from severe financial hardships.



Once all the items were packed properly, we executed this gift campaign on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of January 2021 by visiting respective chosen families with the aim of handing over the gifts to each of them. Most importantly, we visited and distributed these gifts by adhering to all the health guidelines imposed by the Health Authorities. At last, we could be able to successfully conclude the campaign especially receiving compliments.



As the initial step, we prepared a Google form for the purpose of collecting necessary information with regard to families who are in need. Afterwards recognizing more than 30 families living across the country including Colombo, Kurunagala, Galle, Matara, and Rathnapura, we arranged dry food packs worth approximately Rs. 3200.00 each which contained essential items to be distributed among them.



Project Santa Clause

Christmas is known for sharing happiness. So we believe sharing happiness makes the world a better place. Thus, we thought of helping the children who are in need. Children are the future of our country. Among the children who are differently-abled are really important because many of them have no one around. Especially, in this current situation, they are really in need. Thus, we had the idea to share happiness this Christmas with them. “Santa Clause Coming Home” is a project which we conducted last Christmas. Under this project, we donated the essentials for a children’s home with differently-abled children in there. Those children got little attention from the donors due to the prevailing situation. As Leos, we believe we should help society and the people who are in need. Therefore, we think we had a good initiative and we were able to make them happy and delighted. So we believe our initiative was successful and we hope to serve more society.



Awards Received from Lions for the Leostic Year 2020/21

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- Leo S.N.P.M. Samarasinghe - Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka has received Special Appreciation for Leo Club Presidents who completed 100% Leo President Criteria
 - Winner of the Best Orientation Program for New Leos
 - 2nd Runner-up for Net Growth in Membership under the Omega Leo Clubs category
 - 2nd Runner-up of the Best International Relations Program
 - 2nd Runner-up for Most Innovative Project by a Leo Club
 - 2nd Runner-up for International Observations by Omega Leo Club
 - Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka has been selected among the TOP 07 LEO CLUBS (OMEGA CATEGORY)

Thanking You for Being a Shadow to us.....

When we embarked on a new journey, it didn't happen overnight. There were lot of people who around us and guided us towards the right direction. As Sabra Leos, we are pleased to thank all the hidden heroes who gave their fullest contribution to make our journey a success. It is an immense pleasure to thank our Staff Advisor Mr. Achintha Ekanayake, who took his first step to re-establish the club through lot of obstacles and became the strength of all of us. Also we would like to convey our special thanks to Lion Sunil Obeysekara, Leo Advisor, Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Also we like to extend our warmest thanks to the 2020/21 District Exco Committee and 2021/22 District Exco Committee of the Leo District 306C2. As well as PDG Dr. Lasantha Goonewardena, District Chairman for Leos, Leo District 306C2 for the unmatched support which put towards Sabra Leos. Also, all the lecturers including Prof. Athula Gnapala Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Our thank goes to Students' Union, Faculty of Management Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and other Leo clubs as well.

Last but not least, when we look into previous leostic year you all created a golden era of Sabra Leos, they were non-other than our Immediate Past

President Leo Prasangi Samarasinghe with the Executive Committee,

Board of Directors and the club members. We do not have enough words in our vocabulary to say thank to you all guys. Please accept our heartiest gratitude and we congratulate to all the beautiful souls who did a tremendous job for Sabra Leos. Thank You all!

EDITORIAL NOTE



Hello Everyone,

As the Editor of the Leo Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, it is a great pleasure to express my thoughts as words in the initial newsletter for the Leostic year 2021/22. STEER was introduced by the former club Secretary Leo Lionie Matharage and the team. They raised STEER to a very high level since the first edition and then handed it over to me with a huge responsibility. Without wasting their effort it's our time to take the STEER to the next level.

For this new Leostic year we have decided to focus on International Days that have been designated in the United Nations calendar as the theme of STEER with the purpose of giving awareness and sharing knowledge. Our next newsletters will be filled with articles of particularly selected dates falling in the relevant month in the UN calendar. This would be a great opportunity to improve skills and share ideas.

I take this as an opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parties who are not mentioned by name but dedicated to make STEER a reality. Enjoy reading. Your comments and suggestions will be highly appreciated.

Thank You!

**- LEO SHASHINI BULUMULLA -
Chief Editor**

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