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Greetings
From
Catamarans

President's Message

Leoistic Year 2025/2026

Leo Thuhina Gimhan

President, Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran



Dear Leo,

I hope this message finds you in great spirits. It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I step into the role of President for the Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran for the Leoistic Year 2025/2026. I am truly honoured to lead such a passionate, energetic, and dedicated group of individuals who share a common vision to serve with purpose and lead with integrity.

As we embark on this new journey together, our mission is to make this year one of meaningful service, strong leadership, and memorable fellowship. Our focus will be on creating impactful projects that address real needs in our community while also building a supportive environment where each member feels empowered to grow and lead.

This year, we aim to introduce more sustainable initiatives, enhance our collaboration with other Leo Clubs, and strengthen our bond with the Leo District 306 D3. We are committed to being an active and vibrant part of the district, always ready to contribute to its programs and represent our club with pride.

I believe that true leadership lies not just in guiding others but in uplifting them. I invite every member to take this year as an opportunity to challenge yourself, to step out of your comfort zone, and to make a difference no matter how big or small.

I am grateful for the trust placed in me, and I assure you that I will give my very best to uphold the values and legacy of our club. With teamwork, creativity, and heart, I'm confident we will achieve great things together.

Let's make 2025/2026 a remarkable year of Leoism!

In service and fellowship,

Vice President's Message

Leoistic Year 2025/2026

Leo Rajinda Yehan

Vice President, Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran



As I write this message, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable progress our club has made over the past year. Under the exceptional leadership of President Leo Adithya Weerasinghe and his vibrant executive committee, the Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran has achieved outstanding milestones. Their passion, creativity, and relentless pursuit of excellence have not only elevated our club's standing but have also significantly contributed to the growth of Leoism throughout Sri Lanka.

This year has been a true reflection of our club's spirit — one marked by dedication, teamwork, and a shared commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

While we celebrate these achievements, I also want to pay tribute to the senior members whose guidance and leadership have been instrumental in shaping our club's journey — Past Presidents Leo Suwan Gomez, Leo Lion Joseph Ashan ,Leo Lion chanuka wijeweera and Leo Lion Shenal Tissera. Their unwavering support and vision have laid the foundation for the successes we enjoy today.

It is with great joy that I congratulate my lifelong friend, Leo Thuhina, on his election as President for the 2025/26 term. With his inspiring vision and steadfast dedication, I am confident that he and his team will continue to lead our club toward new horizons.

As Vice President, I am committed to fostering an environment of growth, discipline, and integrity within our club. I am equally passionate about mentoring our future leaders and providing them with the resources and support they need to excel.

Here's to embracing another year filled with purposeful service, strong leadership, and meaningful achievements.

Leo Rajinda Jayasinghe
Vice President
Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran

Vice President's Message

Leoistic Year 2025/2026

Leo Dihindu Imanjith

Vice President, Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran

Dear Leo Family,

As we step into a brand-new Leoistic year, I'm deeply honoured to serve as the Vice President of the Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran for the term 2025/2026. It is a privilege to be part of a club that has consistently demonstrated passion, creativity, and a strong commitment to service.

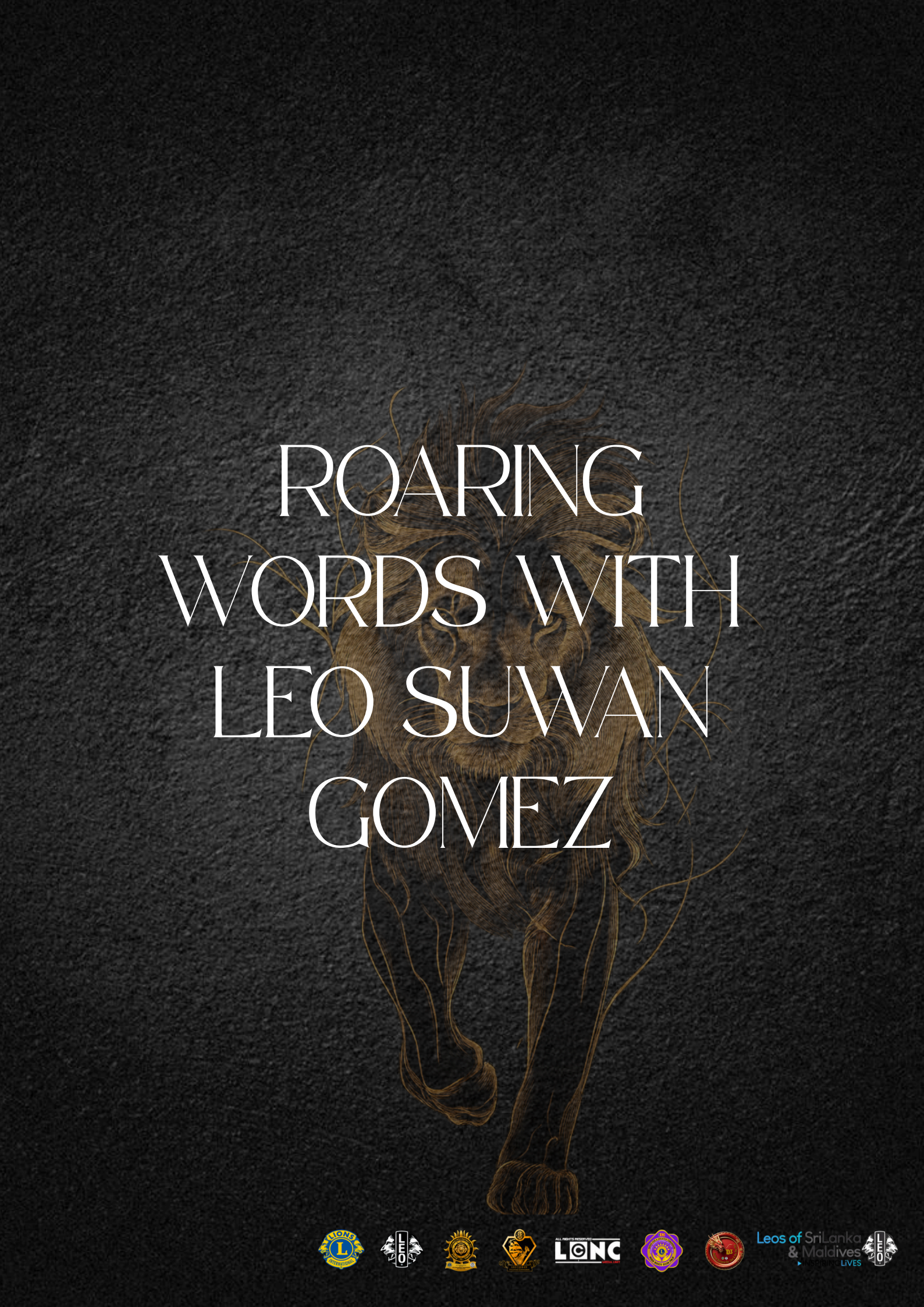
This year presents a new chapter one filled with opportunities to grow, serve, and lead. Together with our vibrant executive committee, I am excited to support initiatives that not only bring positive change to our communities but also inspire our members to explore their full potential.

My role will be to stand beside our President and fellow board members in driving forward a clear vision one that embraces fresh ideas, encourages unity, and strengthens our identity as changemakers. Whether it's through impactful service, inter-club collaborations, or district-level engagement, I am confident that we will rise to the occasion with heart and purpose.

I invite each member to take an active role, share your ideas, and be part of something greater than yourself. Let's uplift one another and make this year a defining moment in our Leo journey.

With gratitude and motivation,
Leo Dihindu Fernando
Vice President
Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran





ROARING WORDS WITH LEO SUWAN GOMEZ

"You are The Charter president of Leo Club Of Negombo Catamaran....What inspired you to start The Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran?"



"First of all, thank you, Treesha, Bulletin Editor of the Sailing Catamaran Newsletter of Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran, for having me for this interview and answering to your first question.

Actually, this is an initiative of our current Leo Club Advisor, Lion Nilesh Alston, I was one of his students and I was invited to participate in the orientation, which I didn't know what is an orientation and what is happening there. So, I participated in both orientation and from the second orientation, and I was nominated by one of the fellow Leo member as a club president. And anyway, I had this thing in my mind that I want to join a social service club or a community...Lion Nilesh Alston gave me this opportunity to take the leadership as a club president, as a first club president, The chat club president. So, then I started my journey and this is my 7th year as a Leo in this moment. So, it was really great and a great opportunity that I learned so many things."

"what has been your most memorable moment as a Leo?"

"The most memorable moment as a Leo is when I win the most outstanding new Leo in Sri Lanka and also our club became the most outstanding new Leo club winner in Sri Lanka in the year 2022 under my presidency. So that was one of the memorable moment because we achieved that within a year of starting the club and also me joining as a Leo to the moment. So it was a great achievement and also an unforgettable memory that I have in my life."





"Your club has done so many projects...Out of those, What is your favourite Service Project and Why?"

"So, out of all the service projects, my most favorite is Sinamal Pokurak. We started that project in the Charter year. So, now we have completed that for the consecutive seventh year, which we did last year under the presidency of Leo Adithya Weerasignhe. So, the chairperson is Leo Joseph ashan, it was his initiative, but every year there was a change. There was a new version of Sinamal Pokurak, and last year was the best, I would believe, every year like, when you see the face of the people who are receiving that package during the Christmas time, the smile on their face, and the things that they tell to us after receiving that when they are going home, like those are the things that we could achieve, like that actually melt our heart. So, that's what inspired us as Leos to conduct that service project every year during the month of Christmas, and to help the needy, because that was, and we were just not giving the packages. We were searching with the Grama Niladari in village, mostly Negombo and Katana, and last year we went to Badula area. So, I hope it will be continued even in this year as well."



"You've been a Leo for 7 years...How has being a Leo changed your personality?"

"Well, so how Leo has changed my personality.....like I used to be a very shy person, and I had this stage fear and everything. And Leo gave me an opportunity to overcome it and to talk to an audience through a microphone, which I have never done in my life before. So Leo gave me that opportunity to change myself and get over with that stage fear. And also gave me the opportunity to work with people and gather a lot of ideas and guide them towards one goal to achieve a common goal."





"What Skills have you developed through the club?"



"So I have developed my skills in communication, like when you work in team, work with people, that improves your communication skills, to how to deal with people in professionally and how to greet people, so when you are meeting lions and when you are meeting people in the district and multiple and how to communicate with them, how to respect them, those skills improved and also from the writing skills, because you have to do reporting and sometimes you have to do administration work, so those in such works, it was given the opportunity to improve my writing skills as well, and apart from that, the stage fear and comparing skills and those are the mainly, those are the skills that I improved and also the leadership skills, because definitely when you are doing a project, when you are becoming a leader in a club or district or multiple, you get the opportunity to guide people and the hidden leadership skills come out and get improved."



"Being a Leo is a huge responsibility....How do you balance club work with studies or any other responsibility?"



So balancing club work with studies and work was not an easy task. Actually, I took the leadership as a club president when I was working full-time and studying part-time during the weekends. And I had the chance to do the club works also during the weekend. And when I started, I was at the first year in my bachelors. And then gradually, while I'm working as a LEO and also doing my full-time job, I was able to complete my undergraduate studies. And also, the places that I worked, they also knew that I'm doing LEO. So their work excuses were given to me. They were giving me the opportunity sometimes to focus on your work as well. And managing the time and sometimes it was not easy. But once I completed my presidency, that was easy for me to balance with the other years. I did my final year when I was the district vice president. So that was a great experience to balance your life with work, LEO, and also with studies. So if I could do it, I know anyone could do it. Because some people, they have asked me, how do you manage everything when you're being club president and when you're doing the district? at the beginning, it's hard. But when you started doing it, you automatically get used to it. And that improves a lot in you.

"What advice would you give to someone thinking about joining the Leo movement?"

"So the advice I would give to someone who actually wants to join a Leo Movement is that it's a good decision that you are taking in life because this is a movement where we give the opportunity to enhance your skills and also to develop your personality. Because when you come here, you develop your skills. Because sometimes you don't know what are your skills and what you can do. So when you come here, you are given the opportunity to become a leader and to conduct projects and also you are given to be highlighted. You get to know people from district, multiple, and also in the international, you get the international recognition because Lions International is a worldwide organization. So being a part of a world-recognized organization is not an easy task. So here, as Leos of Sri Lanka, we are given the opportunity to anyone to become a Leo. And now we have 12 districts under Leo Multiplier 306. So if you are a person who wants to do, who wants to help the needy, who wants to improve your personality, so this is the opportunity, this is the platform for you."



"LEO..Leadership, Experience, Opportunity What does L E O mean to you?"



"So what does LEO means to me? Leadership Experience Opportunity is it gave me the platform to improve myself to enhance skills and identify who I am so and most importantly I met a lot of people through this Leo movement especially in the club, in the district, in the multiple, and also in the international. Not only that I achieved many awards...I became the best new Leo ,Leo of the year, most outstanding multiple council officer. I gained a lot of awards and recognition from district and multiple and also from the international. So overall this is a great opportunity. It was a great moment and where you enjoy yourself by serving the needy in your society. So I welcome everyone who wants to be a social worker to take the opportunity to join a LEO club and to join the LEO club of Negombo Catamaran in LEO 306 D3 one of the best Leo Club in Sri Lankan Maldives and become a great leader, a great person to the community and to the world."




THE PRIDE
OF THE
MONTH

Leo Vihanga Shenith



We are proud to recognize Leo Vihanga Shenith as our Leo of the Month for August 2025. Vihanga's exceptional dedication, tireless efforts, and unwavering commitment to the Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran have truly set him apart.

As our Official Technology Director, he has gone above and beyond in developing, designing, and maintaining our club websitean essential platform that showcases our initiatives, connects members, and reflects the identity of our club to the outside world. His technical expertise, combined with his innovative thinking and eye for detail, has helped elevate the club's digital presence to a new standard.

Vihanga is not only skilled, but also consistent, reliable, and always ready to assist fellow Leos with a positive attitude. Whether it's staying up late to fix bugs, updating content at short notice, or offering new ideas to improve our digital reach, he exemplifies the true spirit of Leoism through action and service.

Congratulations, Vihanga! Your work does not go unnoticed, and your contributions continue to inspire us all. Keep shining!

CATAMARANS IN ACTION

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Phase 01







The Dansala event's primary goal is to spread kindness by providing the locals with free food. It serves as a means of spreading love and harmony as well as helping others during religious or cultural holidays. We want to unite people and give them a sense of care through this project. Additionally, it offers our members an opportunity to develop their leadership, planning, and teamwork skills. This event teaches the importance of sharing and service in addition to providing food. Through modest deeds of kindness, we hope to create a community that is compassionate and cohesive.

Phase 02











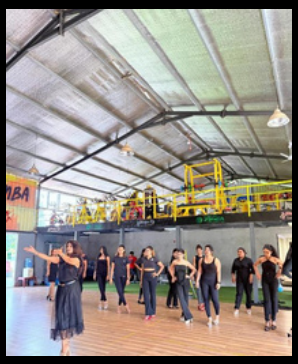
The Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran organised the Church and Temple Visiting Project with the goal of fostering religious harmony, peace, and respect. Participants in the project had the opportunity to experience the blessings, customs, and values of two different religions by spending the same day at a local church and a Buddhist temple.

Through prayer, listening to religious leaders, and learning about cultural customs, members developed a greater appreciation for diversity. The occasion also offered a chance for introspection and deep discussion. It was a worthwhile leadership and service experience for Leo members. They organised the timetable, made travel arrangements, communicated with religious leaders, and led attendees. Their organisational, communication, and teamwork abilities improved as a result.

WALK LIKE A STAR











This program sought to empower women by improving their self-presentation, confidence, and communication skills through a targeted workshop on personality development and catwalk training. The program fosters a supportive and upbeat atmosphere where individuals can confidently showcase their individuality on both a personal and professional level. Through beneficial mentoring and collaboration with industry experts like Chulpadmendra, the program also fosters leadership and personal growth in participants.

MMR
BEACH CLEAN UP











The Leo Club of Negombo Catamaran proudly collaborated with MMR to plan a beach cleanup project on July 12th with the goal of protecting our coastal environment and raising community awareness of environmental conservation. Together, club members, volunteers, and members of the local community were dedicated to improving the sustainability and cleanliness of our beaches.The project's main goal was to clear the shoreline of trash, debris, and other pollutants that endanger marine life and detract from its natural beauty. In addition to making the beach cleaner and safer, participants' participation in this practical environmental activity increased public awareness of how vital it is to preserve our oceans and coastal ecosystems.The project highlighted the Leo movement's guiding ideals of community involvement, environmental stewardship, and service through collaboration and shared accountability. Additionally, the event strengthened ties between organisations committed to environmental and social causes by offering a chance for meaningful engagement and collaboration with MMR.

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF SERVICE

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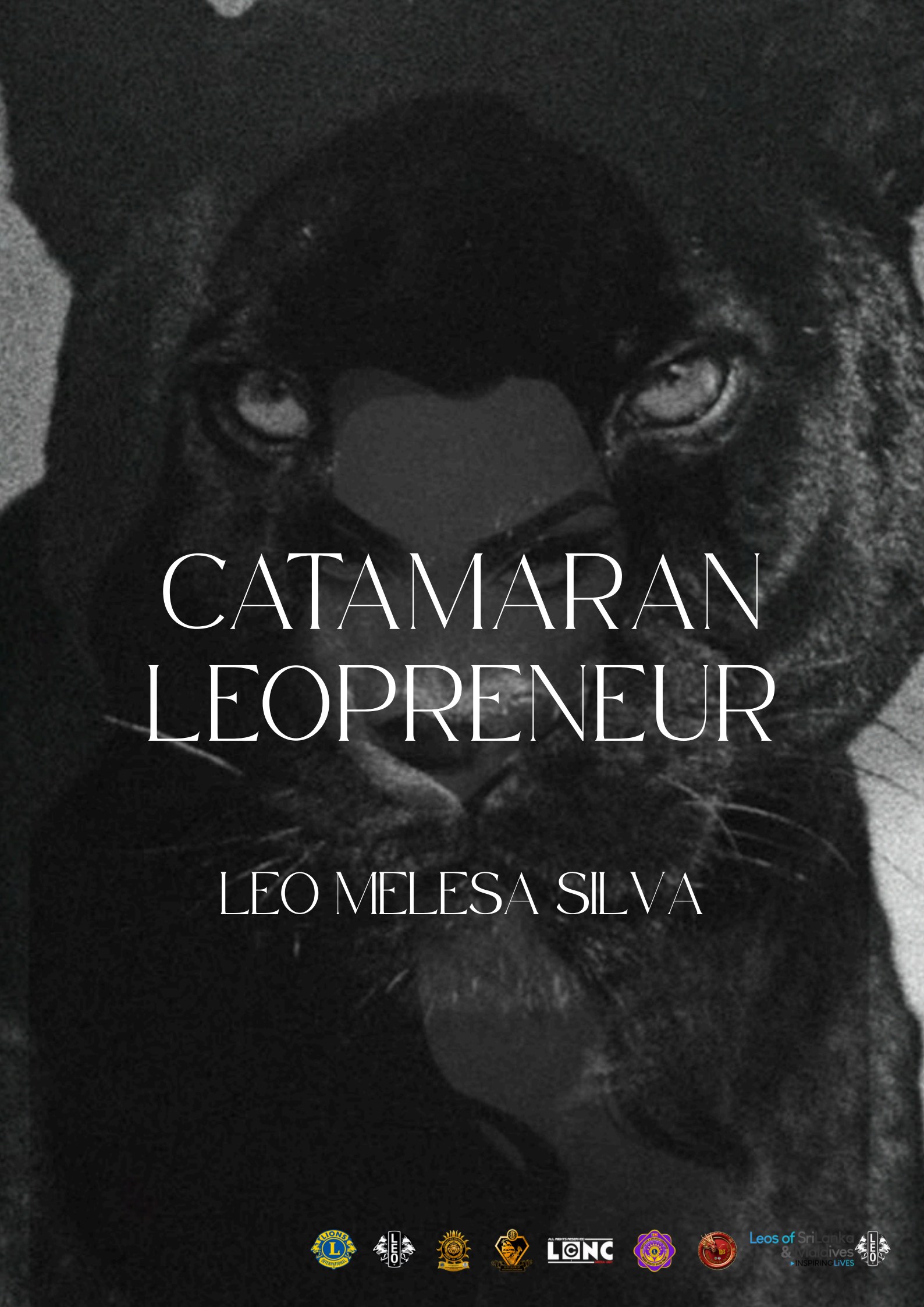
INSPIRING LIVES

Get ready, Leos

the next few weeks are going to be nothing short of amazing! First up, 23rd August marks a date that's already circled in red on our calendars our much-awaited Blood Donation Campaign. It's more than just an event; it's a chance for all of us to come together and save lives, showing the true spirit of service that defines our pride. We know so many of you have been looking forward to this, and we're determined to make it one of our most impactful drives yet.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. We're also thrilled to announce that a special Women Empowerment program will be taking place, led alongside someone who is truly loved and admired by many. This promises to be a powerful and inspiring experience one that will spark conversations, share knowledge, and encourage our community to stand tall for equality and opportunity.

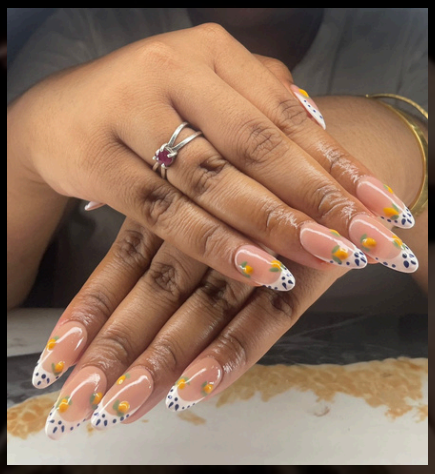
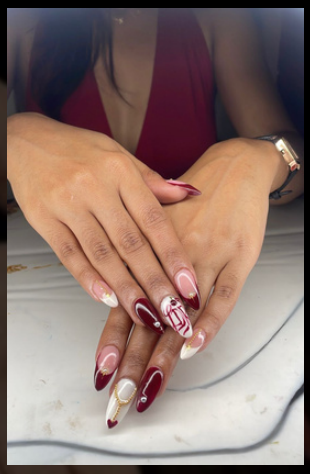




CATAMARAN LEOPRENEUR

LEO MELESA SILVA

Aura Glam by Melesa

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ROARS ACROSS THE DISTRICT



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LEO DISTRICT 306 D3


LEOS OF D3
Leo District 306 D3
First Council
Meeting
THANK YOU
FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION


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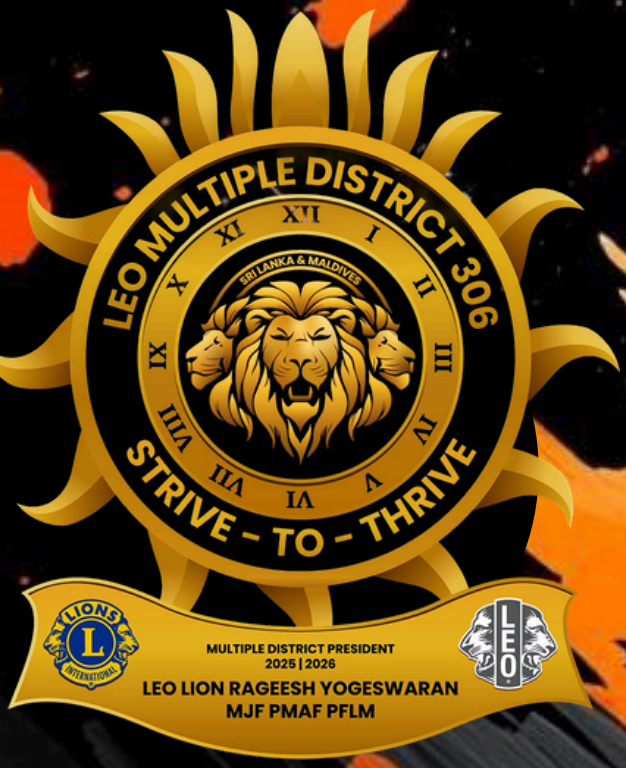
ROARS ACROSS THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT



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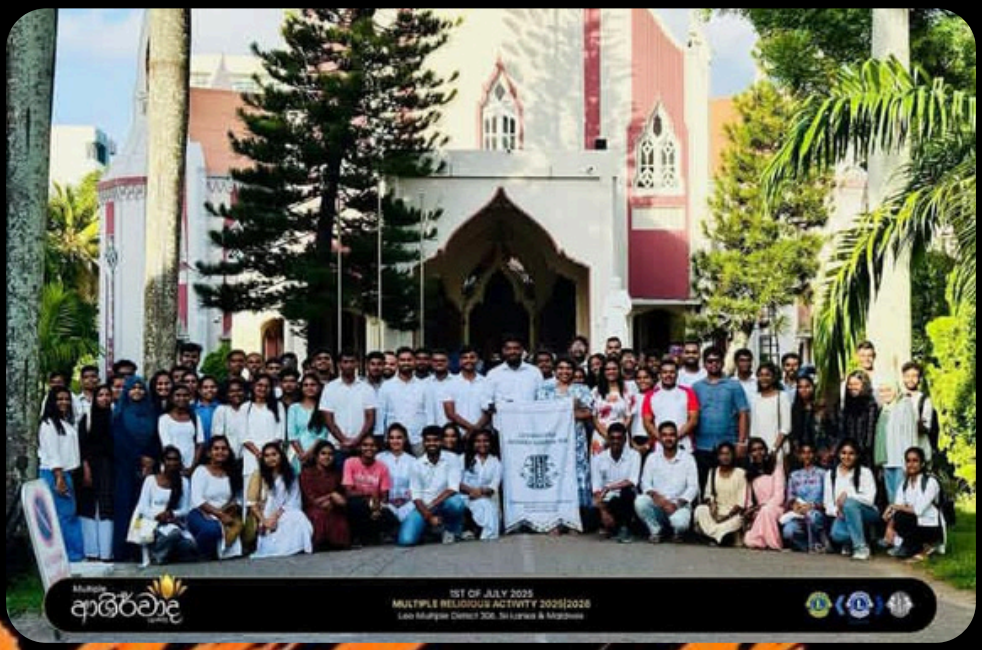





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ROARS ACROSS THE WORLD



















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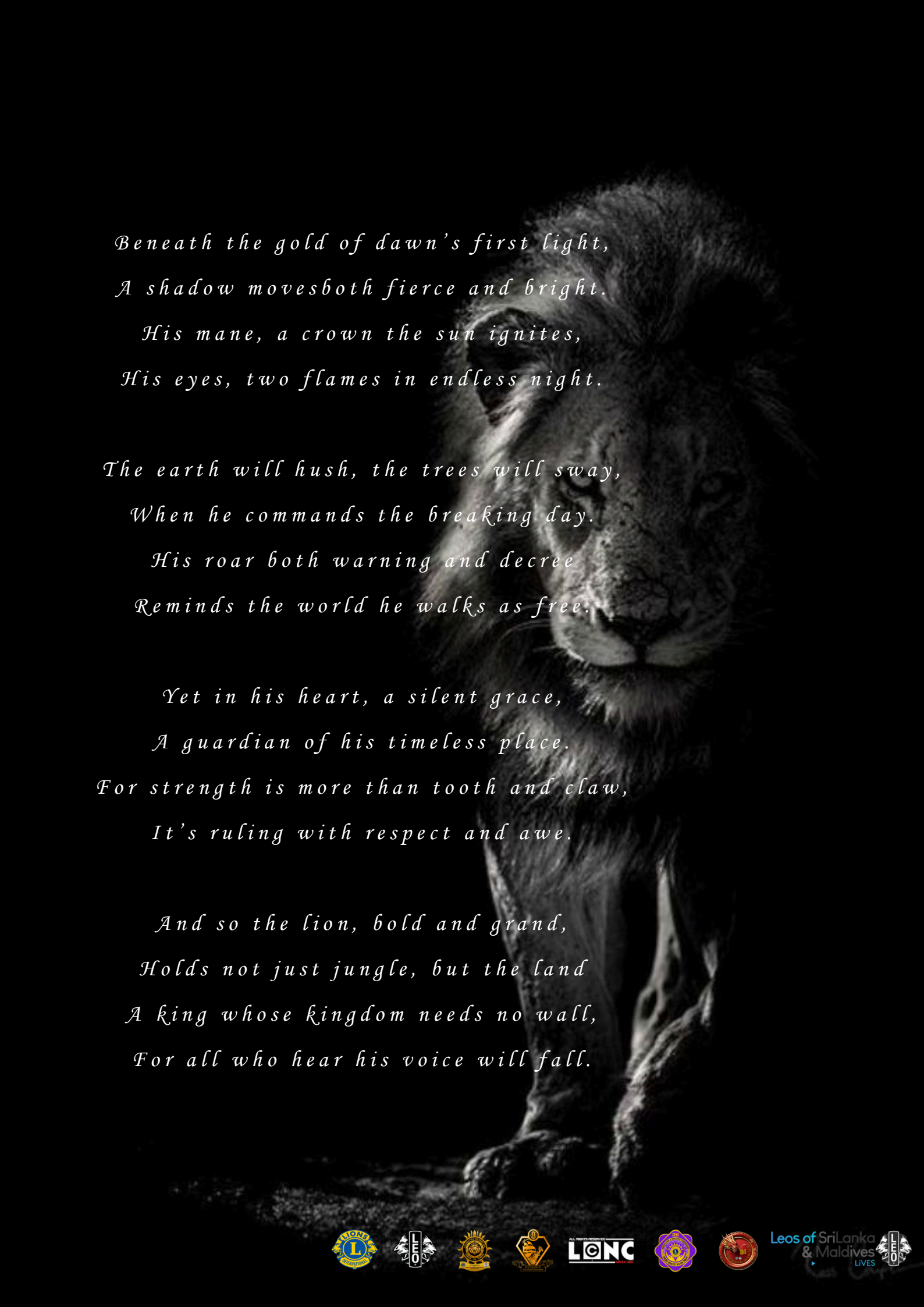

Beneath the gold of dawn's first light,
A shadow movesboth fierce and bright.
His mane, a crown the sun ignites,
His eyes, two flames in endless night.

The earth will hush, the trees will sway,
When he commands the breaking day.
His roar both warning and decree
Reminds the world he walks as free.

Yet in his heart, a silent grace,
A guardian of his timeless place.
For strength is more than tooth and claw,
It's ruling with respect and awe.

And so the lion, bold and grand,
Holds not just jungle, but the land
A king whose kingdom needs no wall,
For all who hear his voice will fall.

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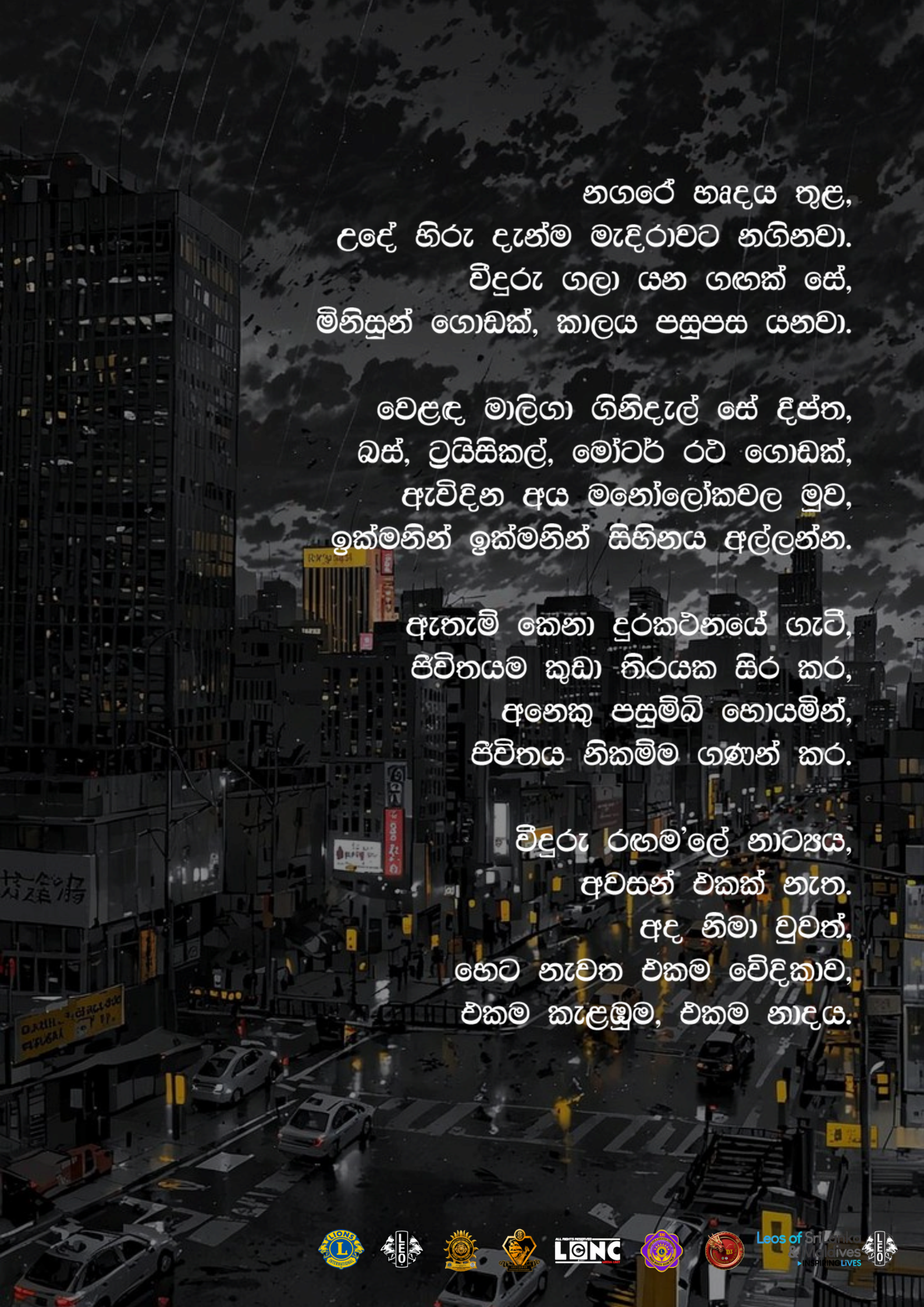

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Riddle me this

A man pushes his car.

He stops in front of a hotel,
and at this very moment
he goes bankrupt.

How is this possible?



Leos of SriLanka & Maldives LIVES

RIDDLE ME THIS

I am a ball that
can be rolled but
never bounced
or thrown

What am I?



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General Meeting



Walk like A Star



Board Meeting



Pujaniya Shasana



Beach Clean Up



Multiple District Installation

SIGNING OFF.....

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EDITOR'S NOTE

LEO TREESHA SHAVINDYA



And so, as the final page turns, we bring our maiden voyage of Sailing Catamaran to a gentle close.
Like the sun setting over calm waters, this is not an ending, but a pause a moment to look back on the journey we have shared in these pages and the memories we have woven together.

This first issue has been our compass, guiding us through stories of service, moments of joy, and the unshakable bond of our Leo family. Each word and photograph has been a sail catching the wind of our shared passion, carrying us forward into seas yet unexplored.

Thank you for being part of this journey, for lending your eyes, your heart, and your time to our humble vessel. As we dock this edition, know that the tides will soon call us back with new adventures, new inspirations, and new horizons to discover together.

Until our next sail,
may your days be calm, your dreams vast,
and your spirit forever adventurous.


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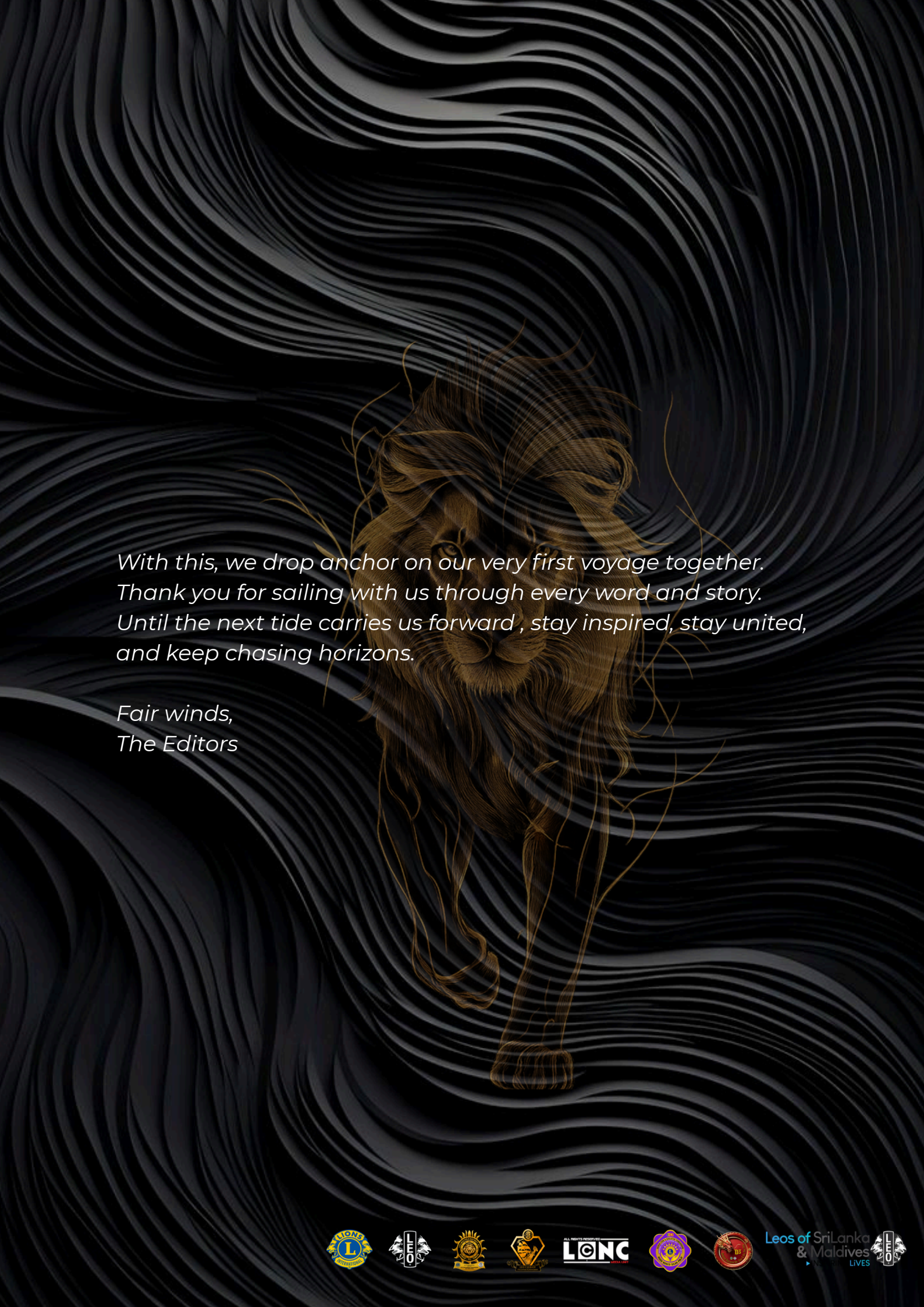

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