





<u>Project Report – Arms Giving for Sil Observers at Jayanthi</u> <u>Viharaya, Kaduruwela by the Lions Club of Polonnaruwa MAF</u> (155400)

The project report for the Arms Giving event conducted by the Lions Club of Polonnaruwa MAF for 300 devotees observing Sil at Jayanthi Viharaya, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa, on Poya Day, September 17, 2024, is detailed below.

Project Overview

Event Details Date : September 17, 2024 Location: Jayanthi Viharaya, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa Participants: Approximately 300 devotees observing Sil Organized by: Lions Club of Polonnaruwa MAF

Objectives

- To provide an opportunity for devotees to engage in the practice of arms giving (dāna) while observing Sil.

- To promote community spirit and Buddhist values of generosity and compassion among participants.

Financial Summary

Total Project Cost: 36,000 LKR

Transport Cost: 2,000 LKR Ice Corn: 2,000 LKR Fruits and beverages: 2,000 LKR

Funding Contributions

The project was funded through contributions from all members of the Lions Club of Polonnaruwa MAF.

Participation and Organizational Structure

Lions Club Members Involved

Eight members from the Lions Club participated in organizing and executing the event:

- 1. Lion Sarath Divisekara MJF PMAF
- 2. Lion Sayomi Gunathilake PMAF
- 3. Lion Chamodi Maneesha MAF
- 4. Lion Nadeeka Polwaththage MAF
- 5. Lion Gimhan MAF
- 6. Lion Ranasinghe MAF
- 7. Lion Niwarthana MAF
- 8. Lion Nalin MAF

Activities Conducted

1. Preparation of Offerings:

- Food items including ice corn and fruits were prepared and distributed to the monks and attendees.

2. Ceremonial Activities:

- A formal presentation of offerings to the monks was conducted.
- Chanting and prayers were held to bless the offerings and participants.

3. Community Engagement:

- The event encouraged participation from local community members, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened community ties among participants through shared religious practices.

- Enhanced understanding of Buddhist principles related to generosity and compassion.

- Increased involvement in future community events organized by the Lions Club.

Conclusion

The Arms Giving event at Jayanthi Viharaya successfully engaged approximately 300 devotees in a meaningful religious practice on Poya Day. Through the efforts of the Lions Club of Polonnaruwa MAF, this initiative not only fulfilled its objectives but also promoted ongoing community engagement and support for Buddhist values within the local population.

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