

MAHESH PASQUAL

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mahesh Pasqual from Colombo, Sri Lanka was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

Past International Director Pasqual has been a chartered civil engineer for more than 35 years. He is currently chairman and managing director of Isuru Engineering Pte Ltd—a construction company that he founded in 1993. He has been recognized by the Sri Lankan government with an Excellence in Service Award for his work in strengthening the country's economy and providing employment opportunities in the construction trade.

He became a Lion in 1996 as a charter member of the Colombo Somerset Lions Club. As the son and grandson of community leaders who were heavily involved with charity and volunteer organizations, Past International Director Pasqual was inspired to serve his community from a very early age. He has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson, multiple district Lions Quest chairperson and LCIF multiple district coordinator. He was extension chairman and largely responsible for the formation of the Maldives Addu Lions Club—the only Lions Club in the Republic of Maldives. He also chaired the steering committee for the 44th ISAAME Forum held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2016.

As a district governor, Past International Director Pasqual was instrumental in building the Golden Jubilee Eye Hospital at Kadawatha which provides eye care and conducts cataract surgery free of charge. He also serves as chairperson of the hospital trust. Additionally, he has been treasurer of the Lanka Lions Foundation of Sri Lanka since its founding by Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya. He currently also serves as chairperson of the Lions Quest Trust of Sri Lanka and pioneered the introduction of the Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence program throughout the country.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the United in Service pin, the Family Membership Pioneering pin and the Five Star Award for outstanding contribution as a District Governor. He is the recipient of multiple International President's Awards, International President's Leadership Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Past International Director Pasqual has also been honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He was appointed to a three-year term as trustee for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in 2024-2025. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past International Director Pasqual is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as an executive committee member for the Sri Lanka Korea Economic Corporation Committee and as vice president of the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka. He was also Secretary of Major & Specialist Constructors Association of Sri Lanka and was awarded the honorary membership by the Alexander Hamilton Institute Inc (Hong Kong) in recognition of continuing efforts to acquire knowledge of modern management practice through executive skills program. He has served as chairman of the Advisory Committee of Professional Services of the Export Development Board of Sri Lanka and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Multi-Organ Donation and Transplantation Foundation of Sri Lanka.

Past International Director Pasqual's partner in service, Dr. Manel, is a consultant eye surgeon who is actively involved in vision service projects throughout the multiple district. Dr. Manel is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has been a member of the Colombo Somerset Lions Club since 2007. Together they have one daughter who is also a Lion and a member of the Colombo Somerset Lions Club as well as a Melvin Jones Fellow.