

**VIJAY KUMAR RAJU VEGESNA
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Vijay Kumar Raju Vegesna, from Visakhapatnam, India, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Raju is an entrepreneur and educator.

As a member of the Visakhapatnam Samarasya Lions Club since 1996, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, and district governor. He served as an International Director from 2016-2018 and as an LCIF Trustee from 2018-2021. He was appointed for a second three-year term as an LCIF Trustee from 2021-2024 and is the Constitutional Area Leader of Campaign 100 for CA VI.

Director Raju is a Life Member and Second Century Ambassador for the association. He is an international trainer who served as group leader for DGE Seminars for the 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 sessions. He is also a member of the International Strategic Planning Committee and International Committee Member for Campaign 100.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor Excellence Award, 10 International President's Awards, eight International President's Leadership Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association. He is also a and a lead gift donor and has pledged US\$200,000 to Campaign 100. Director Raju is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow who has contributed US\$82,000 and received 10 Distinct Emeralds in Yellow Gold Recognition.

Director Raju is known as a visionary leader and recognized for this work mentoring Leos and Lions through experiential learning, technological innovation and leadership to pursue excellence in diverse fields. With his reputation for positive leadership, knowledge, experience, and support his vision is to help the association become the foremost volunteer service organization in the world. He leads with his belief that, "is we dare to dream, we dare to succeed."

Director Raju and his wife, Sudha, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have a daughter and a grandson.