

'It is clubs like yours that exemplify the "Challenge to Change" spirit that guides our lives as Lions.' Immediate Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya

Having achieved Lions Clubs International's membership recruitment goals of the Year Round Growth program for the 2007-8 Lions year, Sydney Chinese Lions recently received an LCI Year Round Growth Membership Excellence banner patch, together with a Letter of Congratulations from Immediate Past International President Mehendra Amarasuriya (see below).

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Dear Club Presiden	ıt:		
Growth program for appreciation of your	Lions year 2007-08.	Please accept the enc recruitment is a team e	effort, and your club has
those in need. It is	nembers into your club, clubs like yours that ex hange" spirit that guide	xemplify	your ability to help
Again, congratulatio service to others.	ons on your achieveme	nt. May you successf	ully continue your
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Immediate Past International President Mehendra Amarasuriya

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LCI's Year Round Growth Program classifies Lions clubs the world over into 3 categories -

- Clubs with 21 or fewer members
- Clubs with 22 to 40 members; and
- Clubs with 41 or more members

Sydney Chinese Lions currently has 60 members and belongs to the 41+ members category. For a club in this category to be awarded the honour, it has to have a positive net membership growth in a given Lions Year with a minimum of 8 new members joining the club.

As a result of the marvelous team work and recruitment efforts of its members, in the 2007-8 Lions year, the club managed to attain this very important goal. See below for the award patch that the club recently received.

What is fascinating is that this is the fourth year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions has been presented with this award. In the three preceding Lions years, ie, the 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7 Lions Years, under the leadership of their long serving President Dr Anthony Cheung, the club



managed to attain LCI's Year Round Membership Growth goals year after year. They are proud to be recipients of this award for the fourth consecutive year.

In the 2005-6 Lions Year, the club actually became the top club in the 41+ members category in Constitutional Area VII, which comprises the thousands of Lions clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the south Pacific Islands, that added the greatest number of new members and exhibited positive net growth. They were presented with a flag set award by LCI in

> Year-Round Growth Membership Excellence Award Banner Patch (Lions Year 2007-8) presented to Sydney Chinese Lions







Flag Set Award Presented to Sydney Chinese Lions by LCI in 2005-6 for being the Top Club in the 41+ Members Category -Year Round Membership Growth in Constitutional Area VII



recognition of their great effort and excellent achievement.

Over the past years, Lions membership worldwide, including Australia and Sydney, has unfortunately seen a decline. These Membership Excellence awards that Sydney Chinese Lions receive is evidence that the club has, against current trends, been strong and successful in membership growth in a consistent manner. This gratifying outcome is a function of good leadership as well as relentless efforts and dedication of the club's members. Clearly, the range of successful charity projects run by the club throughout these years contributed significantly to promoting Lionisim to the community at large and helped attract a good number of guality members to their fold.

Upon receiving the 2007-8 Year Round Growth Membership Excellence Award, the club's members were thrilled and excited. President Anthony said, "We are most honoured to receive this recognition of our team effort. All along, we have endeavoured to Serve the less fortunate in our community in the spirit of Lionism. We understand the importance of adding as many quality members as possible to our rank and file. The strength of our club is the sum strength contributed by our members. Insofar as membership growth goes, we won't just sit on our laurels. We are aiming at achieving the Year Round Membership Growth goals this year as well. With the wonderful momentum that we're having at present, I'm more than hopeful that we'll get there!"