

## Eye Camp in Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka

From 29 July 2013 an eye camp was organised and conducted by BK Dr Kala, Dr Mahinda, Dr Chandrakumar and others in Mullaitivu General hospital, northern Sri Lanka. Various consulting teams arrived on Sunday 28 July and worked from Monday onwards to successfully operate on 120 selected patients with vision problems.

Funding from the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) provided intraocular lens (IOL) implants (to give back vision to those who suffer from cataracts) and other surgical consumables.

Vision2020 from the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health provided manpower, equipment, duty leave, transport and other assistance. A Taiwanese consultant eye surgeon was also there with his team. Mullaitivu is a progressive area in this treatment and has seen many eye camps such that there were hardly any mature cataracts found.



Sr Leka of Mullaitivu centre was invited for the official opening ceremony and along with others she was garlanded, invited to light an oil lamp and give a talk. On Monday evening Mullaitivu BK centre hosted everyone for dinner; GA Mullaitivu, Supt of Police, Brigadier, Consultant eye surgeons, the Regional Director of Health Services Mullaitivu, Medical Supt. of Mullaitivu General hospital, Dr Anjali, Mr Nithian the Director Emergency Relief and International Affairs, the Taiwanese consultant eye surgeon, Dr Chandrakumar, Dr Mahinda Herath, all their teams and the teams who came from Eye units of Jaffna and Nuwara Eliya. Sr Leka gave a talk and requested Dr

Kala and other special guests to speak a few words. On Tuesday they were hosted by the Brigadier for dinner.

As a friendly return gesture the AMDA invited Brahma Kumaris to the International Peace Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 23-25 Aug, to be attended by the AMDA International President and many others from Japan and other countries.



Dr Chandrakumar sent an email to a UK Consultant eye surgeon who has held other eye camps in Sri Lanka and received the reply, "You all are doing great service and nice to see how much satisfaction it gives to you all and others who support such projects. I am sure the public will appreciate it very much...Nice to see Brahma Kumaris organisation helping in their usual manner..."

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