

# “Inspired by Youth, Driven by Values”

Sri Lanka Scout Association nominates

## Janaprith Fernando

to serve in the World Scout Committee  
(2021-2024) for the second term,

**Born:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1967 in Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Education:** Educated at St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Colombo & St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo.

**Professional Qualifications:** Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Company Secretary, Commissioner for Oaths & Company Director.

**Personal Details:** Married to Avanthi and together they have a son Sarith & daughter Kshamara.



### As a Scout

- Joined the 39<sup>th</sup> Colombo Scout Troop, St.Thomas' Pre School, Colombo 3 as a Junior Scout in 1979
- Appointed as an Asst. Patrol Leader in 1980 & Patrol Leader in 1981
- Elected Chairman of the Court of Honour (COH) and Troop Leader in 1982
- Best All-Round Scout of 39<sup>th</sup> Colombo Scout Group 1982
- Elected Chairman of the 1<sup>st</sup> Scout Youth Forum held in Sri Lanka in 1983
- Elected by the NSO as 1 out of 2 to represent Sri Lanka at the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Venture 1984/85
- Took a leading role in 7 Colombo Gang Shows & produced the " Prep Gang Show" in 1989 & 1991
- Was a member of the Organising Committee from the age of 14 years of Colombo Scout Camporees and has been serving since 1981 to 2018
- Awarded the President's Scout Award in 1984

### In School

- School Prefect
- Member of the School debating team
- Leader of the School Oriental music band & Kandyan dance Troupe
- President of the Sinhala Literary Union
- Member of the School Rugby team, Badminton team, Soccer team and Athletics team
- Committee member of the Interact Club, President of the Leo Club of Wellawatte, conducted medical camps for over 5000 people in new settlements in remote parts of Sri Lanka in 1984, 85 & 88 and social service projects and trade & fun fairs
- Awarded 100% President's Award from Lions Club International.

### Leadership in Scouting

- Wood badge holder since 1991
- Warranted as a Scout Leader in 1985
- Scout Leader of S. Thomas' Preparatory School from 1985 -1995
- District Scout Leader of Colombo District from 1990-1994
- Asst. District Commissioner of Colombo District from 1994-2005
- District Commissioner from 2005-2010
- 1st ever Special Commissioner of NSO from 2010-2011
- International Commissioner 2011-2016
- Deputy Chief Commissioner 2016 to date
- Served as Chairman of the Management Sub Committee of APR 2009-2012
- Elected to the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee in 2012 -2017
- Served as a member of the Human Rights Task Force of WOSM 2011-2014
- Chairman of the Global Support Core Group of WOSM 2014-2017 (GSAT)
- Certified SGS/ WOSM Auditor
- Chairman of the World Scout Committee Size & Effectiveness Task Force (2017-20)
- Member of the Support to NSO's in Financial Management Unit (2017-20)

### Highlights of accomplishments & tasks fulfilled in Scouting

- As District Commissioner raised the funds and reserves of the District by 500%. Obtained a land for a camp site and built a fully equipped scout training centre
- Elected to the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Scout Council in 1995 and has been re-elected annually
- Elected to the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Scout Association, Colombo District Branch in 1986 and currently serves as the Honorary District Commissioner
- Organising Commissioner of the millennium Scout Camporee in 1999
- Head of contingent of the largest Sri Lanka Scout contingent to the 22 nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden
- Has been a member of the organizing committee of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> National Jamborees in Sri Lanka
- Organised many leader training camps and conducted sessions in skills development, personal dynamics, campfire courses, workshops both at National and International level
- ATAS member #092 and National Coordinator for ATAS & Member of the Board of Management
- Member of ISGF and was instrumental in re-inauguration of Sri Lanka Scout & Guide Fellowship and organised & hosted many gatherings
- President of the Sri Lanka Queen's and President's Scouts Guild from 2010-2012
- Led a response team during the 2004 Tsunami catastrophe and built over 300 toilets in refugee camps for those displaced and 5 permanent houses
- Chief Organiser of APR Scout Leaders Summit in Sri Lanka, 2014
- Chief Organiser of Colombo Centenary International Scout Jamboree, 2014
- Organised Tree Planting Campaigns
- Moderated and was a resource person for 10 Webinars on Better World Framework in 2020
- Advisor to the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Scout Kitchen Jamboree in 2020
- Conducted SL Scouts Care Projects providing 1000 deserving families dry rations, providing hospitals in 3 provinces with Covid Medical equipment
- Organised the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Cultural Jamboree hosted by Sri Lanka Scouts from 16-18 July 2021 virtually with 23,949 registered participants from over 100 NSOs
- Conducted the first fully virtual WOSM GSAT Assessment (Audit) for Bhutan Scout Association in 2020

### Jamborees attended

- 3<sup>rd</sup> National Jamboree in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka
- 4<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Kurunegala, Sri Lanka,
- 5<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 6<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Galle, Sri Lanka
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka
- 8<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Hambanthota, Sri Lanka
- 9<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree in Jaffna, Sri Lanka
- 29<sup>th</sup> APR and Sri Lanka Centenary Jamboree in Dambulla
- 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Venture in Perth in 1984/85
- B'course Jamboree in France
- U.S. National Jamboree in West Virginia
- Kent International Jamboree in the United Kingdom
- New Zealand Jamboree in Wellington
- 26<sup>th</sup> APR Jamboree in Philippines
- 19<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Holland
- 21<sup>st</sup> World Jamboree in the United Kingdom
- 22<sup>nd</sup> World Jamboree in Sweden as Contingent Leader
- 23<sup>rd</sup> World Jamboree in Japan
- Jamborees in Thailand, Hong Kong and India in 2016
- Jamborees in Malaysia, Thailand, Korea and Taiwan 2018/2019
- 24<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree, United States of America as a member of the WOSM team

### Workshops & Seminars attended

- APR Top Leaders Summits in Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia & Virtual 2020
- Delegate APR Regional Conferences in Japan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, South Korea & Philippines
- Resource person – Basic Management courses, Risk Management Courses, Strategic Planning Workshops, Ticket to life, Membership Growth Strategy, Messenger of Peace Training and other workshops in the region
- Scout Environment Forum, Japan
- Advisor of the Effective Communication Workshop in Sri Lanka, Member of CNV Team Sri Lanka & Malaysia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout Parliamentary Union General Assembly in Korea October 2012
- Facilitator for GSAT audit in Singapore & Australia
- Global GSAT Training in Luxembourg, Nepal & Brunei
- Global Support Core Group meetings in Ukraine, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Kenya & Armenia
- Organised and hosted Global Support Core Group meeting in Sri Lanka in 2014
- World Scout Conferences in Korea, Slovenia & Azerbaijan

### Professional & Legal Career

- Called to the Bar as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in June 1992
- Currently operating Capital Law Chambers and practicing as the Senior Counsel, Notary Public, Commissioner for Oaths & Company Secretary
- Several Junior Lawyers work with me and appears in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Courts, District Courts, Magistrates Courts, Labour Tribunals and Arbitrations
- Company Secretary to many leading Business Enterprises in Sri Lanka
- General Counsel and Legal Counsel to many Governmental, Non -Governmental, INGO's and Mercantile Sector Organisations
- President of the Law Student's Union in 1990
- Secretary of the Professional Students Association of Sri Lanka in 1989
- Past Assistant Secretary of the Organisation of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka
- Vice President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka 2009/10
- Chairman of many standing committees of the Bar Association of the WOSM team
- Treasurer
- President of the Colombo Law Society in 2008/09 & 2009/10
- Conferred Member Honoris Causa of the Colombo Law Society
- President of ARTDO International 2018/19.
- Organised and Chaired the 46<sup>th</sup> ARTDO International World Conference in Sri Lanka in 2019

### Medals & Awards

- Medal for distinguished service & scout service medal received from the Prime Minister of Malaysia 2012 & 2013
- Green Jade Lion medal from the President of the Republic of Taiwan 2014
- Bronze Tamaraw Award from the Vice President of the Republic of Philippines 2014
- ATAS Medallion from Regional Director APR of the WOSM 2012
- Medal of Honour awarded by Korea Scout Association 2014
- Medal of Merit in 2010 and Bar to the medal of merit in 2013 by H.E. the President of Sri Lanka
- President's Scout Award in 1985
- Wood badge Award in 1989
- Conferred Member Honoris Causa of the Colombo Law Society
- Silver Lotus Award from the President of Sri Lanka
- International Friendship Award By Korea Scout Association 2012 and 2019

### Government Appointments

- Served as Advisor to the Ministry of Sports & Tourism
- Served as a Member of the Board of Directors of RDB Bank
- Served as Member of the Board of Directors of HDL, Hilton Colombo
- Legal Advisor to several Government Ministries, Corporations and Institutions

### Social Involvements

- Hony.Past Secretary of the S. Thomas' College, Parent Teacher Association
- Leading the team for flood and landslide relief and coordination with Government Agents, Ministry of Education on several projects across the country
- Member Organisation of Professional Associations, Colombo
- Swimming Club, Automobile Association of Sri Lanka and Sinhalese Sports Club
- Executive Committee Member and Legal Counsel of National Shooting Federation of Sri Lanka
- Member of the Board of Directors, Bookbridge International
- Chairman, Bookbridge Sri Lanka